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Many states used relief funds on projects not related to the pandemic. **NEWS, PAGE 6**

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Central Connecticut athletic director Tom Pincince, right, introduces Patrick Sellers as the Blue Devils' men's basketball coach in May 2021. Sellers is part of a small club of people of color leading Division I sports teams in Connecticut, a Courant review has found. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

PERSISTENCE OF INEQUALITY

Courant review finds white males still dominate DI head coach jobs

By Alex Putterman | Hartford Courant

When it comes to racial diversity in sports, Central Connecticut State men's basketball coach Patrick Sellers considers himself an optimist.

He trusts that people who hire coaches are picking the best candidates regardless of race. He's heartened by a wave of Black coaches hired in men's and women's college basketball. He believes that trend will continue into the future.

And yet when he saw the recent lawsuit filed by former Miami Dolphins coach Brian Flores alleging that NFL teams were arranging sham interviews with Black and Latino coaches to fulfill league requirements, Sellers couldn't help but feel hurt.

"When I read about it, it hit me pretty hard, like man that's tough that you have to go through that," said Sellers, who is Black. "I generally believe in the good in people and the good in the administrators who do the hiring, so I'm hoping in college athletics that we don't have that."

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Yale hockey coach Keith Allain, from left, Quinnipiac associate hockey coach Bill Riga, UConn hockey coach Mike Cavanaugh, SNY president Steve Raab, Bridgeport OPED director Thomas Gill, Connecticut Hockey Conference president Tom Regan and Sacred Heart hockey coach C.J. Marottolo celebrate the rollout of the Connecticut Ice hockey tournament in March 2019. **ALEX PUTTERMAN/HARTFORD COURANT**

92% According to a Courant review, 123 of the 133 head coaches at the state's seven DI schools are white.

34% Women accounted for 34% of head coaches across all DI sports in Connecticut, the review found.

UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Auriemma is savoring the moments

Dom Amore

BRIDGEPORT — It started with Paige Bueckers' 3-pointer. Six layups later a free throw from Aaliyah Edwards ended it, a 16-0 UConn onslaught in less than four minutes playing time. There used to be a name for knockout punches like this from the UConn women's basketball team:

Game day.

But what for so long was matter-of-fact is no longer. Geno Auriemma's slow, sigh-filled walk down the corridor as reporters trailed was one of many signals that a victory in the NCAA's Round of 16, such as UConn's 75-58 win over Indiana on Saturday at Total Mortgage Arena, is no longer something that's just "supposed to happen." Not even for the Huskies.

"I said to the kids in the locker room, 'Man, when we're playing like that, it really is fun to watch," Auriemma said. "It was really impressive to see us have so many people touch the ball and so many good things happen. And it looked like nothing was forced, nothing was rushed. Everything was just boom, boom, boom. It's a coach's dream.

"Fortunately, I've seen it a lot the last 20-something years, but this year I appreciate it more because it's harder to come by."

Maybe it was an omen when they couldn't get the baskets installed on First Night. Nothing was going to come easily for

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Third-quarter surge fuels UConn's 75-58 Sweet 16 win over Indiana. **Sports, Page 1**

Soaring rents squeeze tenants

In tight market, area renters have seen 11% increase in last year

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

Apartment rents in Connecticut soared by the double-digits in the last year, squeezing tenants in a market with dwindling leasing alternatives and more rent hikes expected at least through the end of the year.

In the Hartford metro area, which includes Hartford, Tolland and Middlesex counties, estimated rents rose nearly 11% in the last year, according to apartmentlist.com, which tracks trends in the rental market. The median rent for a one-bedroom apartment, or the middle of the rent range, was $1,244 in February.

The increases, which are affecting a broad cross-section of incomes, come as little surprise to renters, such as Becky Kuzmich and Adarsh Nagarajappa.

The couple moved into their one-bedroom apartment in Middletown last summer after a bruising search with limited options and a lot of competition. Their monthly rent is $1,475.

Kuzmich and Nagarajappa briefly considered renting a two-bedroom at $1,700 or $1,800 a month, but they thought it was a bit of a stretch for their budget.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Putin 'cannot remain in power'

Biden comment not a call for change, White House says

By Chris Megerian, Vanessa Gera and Aamer Madhani
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — President Joe Biden said Saturday that Vladimir Putin "cannot remain in power," dramatically escalating the rhetoric against the Russian leader after his brutal invasion of Ukraine.

The White House attempted to clarify soon after Biden finished speaking in Poland that he was not calling for a new government in Russia.

A White House official asserted that Biden was "not discussing Putin's power in Russia or regime change." The official, who was not authorized to comment by name and spoke on the condition of anonymity, said Biden's point was that "Putin cannot be allowed to exercise power over his neighbors or the region."

The White House declined to comment on whether Biden's statement about Putin was part of his prepared remarks.

"For God's sake, this man cannot remain in power," Biden's said at the end of a speech in Poland's capital that served as the capstone on a four-day trip to Europe.

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Hartt School celebrates 100 years

As the Hartt School at the University of Hartford celebrates its first century, discussions have been focused on the future more than on the school's illustrious past. **SUNDAY CT, PAGE 1**

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Rent

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Since then, Kuzmich accepted a new job as a recruiter and is working at home full-time, and Nagarajappa, a mechanical engineer, has gone to a hybrid work schedule. Their apartment has a small den outfitted for work and a modest workspace in the bedroom, but they now want a larger, two-bedroom apartment.

"A year ago, when we were looking for this place, for $1,700 or $1,800 we could have found a [two-bedroom] apartment," Nagarajappa said. "Now, it is close to $2,000 or more."

The couple has toured six apartments so far and looked at a couple dozen online. They'd like to stay in the greater Hartford area and now hope to keep monthly rent at $2,000 for a two-bedroom apartment and certainly no more than $2,300.

"At this point, any place that has an opening that doesn't cost our entire paychecks, we'll live in it," Kuzmich said.

Adarsh Nagarajappa and Becky Kuzmich clean dishes while making dinner in their one-bedroom apartment in Middletown. They are looking for a two-bedroom apartment but they are experiencing sticker shock. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

'It's crazy'

Nationally, apartment rents have surged in the last year, rising 18% on a year-over-year basis as of February, apartmentlist.com reported, with Connecticut not far behind, at nearly 12%.

In Connecticut, the New Haven metro area, which includes all of New Haven County, led all of the state's metros, with a more than 16% jump in the same time period, according to apartmentlist.com.

Experts say the increase in rents is being driven by a confluence of factors, including a shortage of all types of housing, accelerated by the pandemic.

Brian A. Marks, senior lecturer in the economics and business analytics departments at the University of New Haven, said the sparse inventory of single-family houses for sale — the aftermath of the hot market spurred by the pandemic — has stalled the move of renters who might be looking to purchase.

As a result, there are fewer apartments available. New rental construction in greater Hartford and elsewhere in Connecticut is booming but is still playing catch-up after years of little building, Marks said.

In Hartford, for example, about 2,700 new apartments in and around downtown have been either completed since 2013 or are now under construction with the help of state-taxpayer backed loans and other investments.

There was a slight dip in occupancy in 2020 at the start of the pandemic, but occupancy percentage recovered and is now in the mid-'90s, according to the Capital Region Development Authority, which oversees the state investments.

Millennial demand for apartments with amenities also is a factor, as is the 40-year high in inflation.

Jason Styra shown in his apartment near Union Station in a 2019 file photo. He later relocated to the suburbs but returned to the city and found rents had risen significantly. "It's crazy," Styra says. **KENNETH R. GOSSELIN/HARTFORD COURANT**

"We are absolutely seeing these pressures on the cost side due to inflation, especially in the area of energy," Marks said. "Landlords are seeing their costs go up."

For apartments now under construction, supply-chain disruptions have pushed up costs and delayed delivery of everything from windows to appliances. Those costs may eventually be passed on in higher rents.

Marks said he expects rents to keep rising at least through the end of the year and that may force even more people to decide to seek out roommates.

That was the decision Jason Styra made six months ago.

Styra, an account manager for an IT consulting firm, moved to downtown Hartford in 2018 but relocated to the suburbs a year or two ago.

Styra decided to move back downtown last summer. He was surprised to find his old, one-bedroom apartment near Union Station that had been $888 a month was now "12 and change."

He opted to move into an apartment at the Colt complex near downtown and share costs with a friend and save money.

"It makes it easier if you have a roommate," Styra said. "But for those people who want not to have a roommate in their 30s, it's a little precarious," Styra said. "It's a different rental market than it was two years ago. It's crazy."

Housing safety nets ending

The dramatic upswing in rents is intensifying concerns for the state's neediest families and how they will deal with the added financial pressure.

According to the Partnership for Strong Communities, a nonprofit whose goal is to expand affordable housing and end homelessness, for every 100 "extreme" low-income households, there are just 42 rentals available and affordable to them.

"While more jobs are available now, some of the households who lost jobs and income for a time during the pandemic are still trying to catch up," Kiley A. Gosselin, the partnership's executive director, said. "Many of these households were already living paycheck to paycheck with little or no savings."

Gosselin said household members may now be working again — even making more money than they previously had earned.

But "the goal posts continue to move with respect to rental increases and the effects of inflation on necessities like groceries and transportation," Gosselin said.

The U.S. Census household PULSE survey for the week of March 4-12 found that 25% of Connecticut renters said "that they had slight or no confidence that they could make next month's rent." It was even higher for Black respondents, at 40% and 37% for Hispanic respondents.

"With pandemic-related housing safety nets like UniteCT and the eviction moratorium reaching their ends at the same time rent is increasing," Gosselin said, "we expect to see evictions and housing loss continue to increase."

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Saturday, March 26

PLAY3 DAY
2 7 0 **WB:** 2

PLAY4 DAY
5 5 1 0 **WB:** 9

The late numbers were not drawn in time for this edition. For results, please visit courant.com/lottery.

FRIDAY'S LATE NUMBERS

PLAY3 NIGHT
1 2 8 **WB:** 9

PLAY4 NIGHT
0 7 9 7 **WB:** 5

CASH 5
3 17 30 33 34

LUCKY FOR LIFE
28 30 32 33 39 **WB:** 2

LOTTO
2 3 6 35 37 41
Zero first-prize ticket(s) sold.

MEGA MILLIONS
3 13 42 51 58 **MB:** 17 **MP:** 2

Tuesday's est. Lotto jackpot: $1.6 million

Tuesday's est. Mega Millions jackpot: $60 million

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Diversity

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Sellers, who was hired at Central Connecticut last year, is part of a jarringly small club of people of color leading Division I sports teams in Connecticut. According to a Courant review, cross-checked when possible with the universities in question, 123 of the 133 head coaches at the state's seven DI schools are white, accounting for 92% of the total. Of the remaining 10, five are Black, two are Asian-American, two are Latina and one could not be identified.

At one school, Sacred Heart University, every single head coach is white. At others, including UConn, which had no coaches of color before hiring Chris Gbandi to lead its men's soccer program in December, nonwhite coaches are vastly outnumbered.

The over-representation of white coaches is particularly stark in football and basketball, sports that typically feature large numbers of Black and Latino players. Of 18 men's and women's basketball and football head coaches at Connecticut's seven Division I schools, 16 are white, with Sellers and Yale men's basketball coach James Jones the lone exceptions.

Women are also severely under-represented as head coaches in Connecticut's DI athletic departments, The Courant's review found, accounting for 34% of the total across all sports. While men, in Connecticut and elsewhere, often coach women's sports teams, no women in the state lead an exclusively men's sports program.

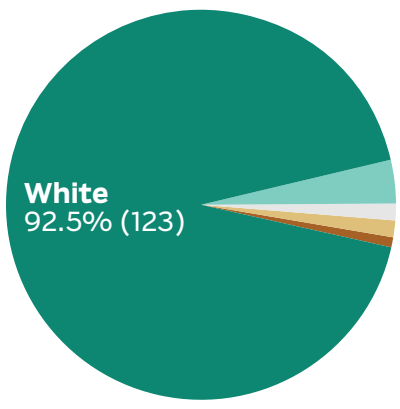
Meanwhile, only three programs across Connecticut's seven DI schools were coached by women of color, with none coached by Black women.

Athletic directors often say they hire the most qualified candidate for each position. But to Nefertiti Walker, a UMass Amherst professor of sports management who has studied disparities in athletics, the relative lack of women and people of color in head coaching roles suggests administrators aren't looking hard enough.

"These folks are out there, they're talented. They can do the job, and what we're doing by not considering them is we're not hiring the best people," Walker said. "That's very simple economics. If your pool of candidates is restricted to one particular group or segment of the population, then there's no way you can say you hired the best person."

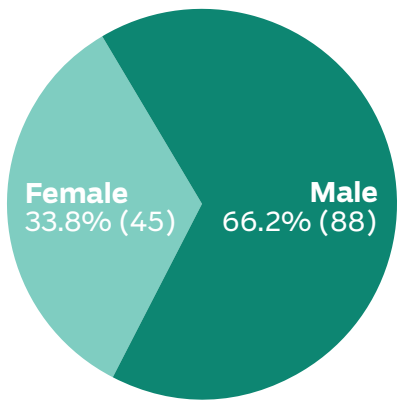
Racial Diversity

Racial diversity among Division I college head coaches in Connecticut.



Gender Diversity

Gender diversity among Division I college head coaches in Connecticut.



SOURCE: The Hartford Courant

Disparities everywhere

The full school-by-school breakdown of Connecticut's Division I coaches is as follows:

- Of Central Connecticut's 12 head coaches, 11 are white and one is Black. Eight are men, while four are women.
- Of Fairfield University's 17 head coaches, 16 are white and one is Black. Fourteen are men and three are women.
- Of University of Hartford's 12 head coaches, 11 are white and one is Asian-American. Eight are men and four are women.
- Of Quinnipiac's 17 head coaches, at least 15 are white and one is Black. Eight are men and nine are women.
- All 28 of Sacred Heart's head coaches are white. Nineteen are men and nine are women.
- Of UConn's 19 head coaches, 18 are white and one is Black. Thirteen are men and six are women.
- Of Yale's 28 head coaches, 24 are white, two are Latina, one is Black and one is Asian-American. Seventeen are men and nine are women.

Asked about these disparities, several schools responded with statements expressing commitments to diversity. UConn, for example, replied that the "construction of a diverse coaching, administrative and support staff provides invaluable perspective and insight, and we will strive to make additional progress in this area."

Judy Ann Riccio, who took over as Sacred Heart's athletic director last year, said in a statement that the school has been examining its hiring practices to "ensure a diverse applicant pool whenever we have job openings for administration, coaches and other staff."

A Fairfield spokesperson said the athletic department there had not had significant turnover among head coaches in recent years but that administrators seek to interview people of color for all job openings.

The University of Hartford did not acknowledge or respond to repeated requests for comment, while a Yale spokesperson offered to answer questions via email, then did not do so.

In an interview, Central Connecticut athletic director Tom Pincince suggested a conversation about diversity should look beyond head coaches and also consider assistant coaches and support staff, who are less likely to be white and male. He said the school's Office for Equity and Inclusion is involved in every hire on campus to ensure a fair process and noted that his only head coaching hire in 2 ½ years leading the Blue Devils' athletic department was a person of color, Sellers.

Pincince said he strives to hire "the person who will be best for our student-athletes, whoever that may be."

Quinnipiac arranged an interview with Kristen Casamento, an academic advisor who works on diversity and inclusion initiatives in the athletic department but is not involved in hiring. Casamento described athletic department initiatives such as Black History Month events, panels of female athletes and a "blackout day" on which everyone wore Black T-shirts with the word "equality."

Casamento said Quinnipiac's female athletes benefit from having women leading most of their programs. As for the fact that most of the school's head coaches are white, she said she views representation and diversity as "super important."

"Having a staff and coaches and athletic trainers and support [staff] should mirror what the students look like," Casamento said. "It should be a diverse set so students feel comfortable and feel empowered and have an environment that they want to be a part of."

Disparities in who gets to coach major college sports programs aren't unique to Connecticut. According to the NCAA, 84% of all Division I head coaches were white during the 2020-21 school year, compared to 63% of athletes. About 75% of head coaches were male, compared with 56% of athletes.

In football, 83% of Division I head coaches were white, compared to 45% of players. In women's basketball, 77% of coaches were white, compared to 50% of players, and more than 40% of coaches were male. In men's basketball, 79% of coaches were white, compared to 38% of players.

In its annual report card, released in early March, The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport gave college sports a C+ grade for racial diversity in hiring and a C grade for gender diversity in hiring, both down from the prior year. Even the good news came with caveats: The rate of Black coaches in men's college basketball was up slightly — but still below a high set during the 2005-06 school year.

"With increased scrutiny because of the racial reckoning after the murder of George Floyd, it is simply not acceptable to lag behind where we were 15 years ago," TIDES executive director Richard Lapchick said in the report. "It is hard to see the results from the widely proclaimed attention we are supposedly placing on diversity, equity and inclusion within higher education."

Hiring who you know

So why are so many head coaches in Connecticut (and beyond) white and male, even in sports that are not?

Walker says it's often the result of people in power hiring those they know and relate to — a phenomenon known as homologous reproduction. In many cases, Walker said, athletic directors don't consciously intend to propagate disparities but do so anyway by hiring from within a restricted pool of candidates.

"We still have majority white men as athletic directors, and those are the folks that are making the hiring decisions," she said. "You have these networks that are mostly white. You have folks that live in areas that are mostly white and mostly Black, and because of that people tend to hire those that look most similar to them, that behave similarly to them, that are in the same social networks as them."

Of Connecticut's seven Division I athletic directors, six are white, while one (Yale's Vicky Chun) is Asian-American. Additionally, five of the seven are male.

Walker, who wrote her PhD dissertation on bias against women in men's college basketball, said athletic directors often don't even think to hire a woman to lead a men's team, despite frequently hiring men to lead women's teams. And if they do consider a woman for a job in men's sports, they might be afraid to make a hire the industry will perceive as strange or unusual.

"They don't consider it because it's seen as a risk," Walker said. "There's so much pressure to do exactly what's been done before, and what's been done before is gender discrimination."

Even when women and people of color are hired, Walker said, they're often tasked less with strategy and more with taking care of players.

Sellers said he has encountered the common stereotype that Black coaches are valuable primarily for their ability to recruit Black athletes.

Pincince, the only Connecticut Division I athletic director who agreed to an interview for this story, said he would gladly hire a woman to coach a men's team if she were the best candidate. He disputed that athletic directors only hire people they know, adding that he'd interviewed several people for the men's basketball job whom he'd never met.

Nefertiti Walker, a UMass Amherst professor of sports management who has studied disparities in athletics, said the relative lack of women and people of color in head coaching roles suggests administrators aren't looking hard enough for the best candidates.

"I don't think about it that way, and I don't subscribe to that," Pincince said. "We're most interested in finding the best person for the job."

Walker says her advice for athletic directors looking to conduct inclusive and open-minded searches is simple: Look outside your existing network.

"They have to actually network, and they have to actually interrogate their hiring processes," she said. "When they decide who's getting a head coaching job, who are they going to? Are they going back to the same places that they've always gone to? Are they going back to the same pool of head coaches that exists now? Because if so, then they're going to perpetuate the same inequalities that they're trying to overcome."

Sellers said he sees disparities in the head coaching ranks as "just part of who we are as a country." As society learns to take racial justice more seriously, he said, he thinks college sports will, too.

And so he chooses to focus less on the fact that Black coaches are so dramatically underrepresented in Connecticut and nationwide and more on the fact that, according to ESPN, 51% of vacancies in men's basketball and 47% of coaching vacancies in women's basketball were filled by Black coaches last year.

Maybe, he thinks, the future for women and people of color in college sports can be brighter than the past.

"Has it taken longer than it should? It has," Sellers said. "But I'm one of those guys who is a glass half-full guy, and I'm very excited that it is evolving and it is changing and we're getting some people of color in those positions."

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Ukraine

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Biden has frequently talked about ensuring that the Kremlin's invasion, now in its second month, becomes a "strategic failure" for Putin and has described the Russian leader as a "war criminal." But until his remarks in Warsaw, the American leader had not veered toward suggesting Putin should not run Russia. Earlier Saturday, shortly after meeting with Ukrainian refugees, Biden called Putin a "butcher."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said "it's not up to the president of the U.S. and not up to the Americans to decide who will remain in power in Russia."

Asked about the impact of such statements from Biden on Russia-U.S. relations, Peskov described it as "extremely negative." "With each such statement, and Biden now prefers to make them daily, he is narrowing the window of opportunity for our bilateral relations under the current administration," Peskov said.

Biden also used his speech to make a vociferous defense of liberal democracy and NATO, while saying Europe must steel itself for a long fight against Russian aggression. In what was billed by the White House as a major address, Biden spoke inside the Royal Castle, one of Warsaw's notable landmarks that was badly damaged during World War II.

He borrowed the words of Polish-born Pope John Paul II and cited anti-communist Polish dissident and former president, Lech Walesa, as he warned that Putin's invasion of Ukraine threatens to bring "decades of war."

President Joe Biden meets with Ukrainian refugees in Warsaw, Poland, on Saturday. **DOUG MILLS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

"In this battle we need to be clear-eyed. This battle will not be won in days, or months, either," Biden said.

The crowd of about 1,000 included some of the Ukrainian refugees who have fled for Poland and elsewhere in the midst of the brutal invasion.

"We must commit now, to be in this fight for the long haul," Biden said.

After meeting with refugees at the National Stadium, Biden marveled at their spirit and resolve in the aftermath of Russia's deadly invasion as he embraced mothers and children and promised enduring support from Western powers.

Biden listened intently as children described the perilous flight from neighboring Ukraine with their parents.

The president held hands with parents and gave them hugs during the stop at the soccer stadium where refugees go to obtain a Polish identification number that gives them access to social services.

Some of the women and children told Biden that they fled without their husbands and fathers, men of fighting age who were required to remain behind to aid the resistance against Putin.

"What I am always surprised by is the depth and strength of the human spirit," Biden told reporters after his conversations with the refugees at the stadium, which more recently had served as a field hospital for COVID-19 patients. "Each one of those children said something to the effect of, 'Say a prayer' for my dad or grandfather or my brother who is out there fighting."

The president tried to use his final hours of his European trip reassuring Poland that the United States would defend against any attacks by Russia as he acknowledged that the NATO ally bore the burden of the refugee crisis from the war.

"Your freedom is ours," Biden told Poland's president, Andrzej Duda earlier, echoing one of that country's unofficial mottos.

More than 3.7 million people have fled Ukraine since the war began, and more than 2.2 million Ukrainians have crossed into Poland, though it is unclear how many have remained there and how many have left for other countries. Earlier this week the U.S. announced it would take in as many as 100,000 refugees, and Biden told Duda that he understood Poland was "taking on a big responsibility, but it should be all of NATO's responsibility."

Biden called the "collective defense" agreement of NATO a "sacred commitment," and said the unity of the alliance was of the utmost importance.

"I'm confident that Vladimir Putin was counting on dividing NATO," Biden said. "But he hasn't been able to do it."

European security is facing its most serious test since World War II. Western leaders have spent the past week consulting over contingency plans in case the conflict spreads.

The invasion has shaken NATO out of any complacency it might have felt and cast a dark shadow over Europe.

Warsaw, a city of nearly 1.8 million people, has grown by about 17% in a month as the refugees have come in huge numbers seeking shelter.

Warsaw Mayor Rafal Trzaskowski has warned it is not sustainable and that social services are buckling under the strain.

The U.S. has been sending money and supplies to aid the refugee effort. This week, Biden announced $1 billion in additional aid in addition to accepting refugees.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

City fears being the 'next Mariupol'

Chernihiv in north faces deadly ongoing Russian onslaught

By Yuras Karmanau
Associated Press

People shelter underground following explosions Saturday in the western Ukrainian city of Lviv. **NARIMAN EL-MOFTY/AP**

LVIV, Ukraine — Nights are spent huddling underground from Russian strikes pounding their encircled city into rubble. Daylight hours are devoted to hunting down drinkable water and braving the risk of standing in line for the little food available as shells and bombs rain down.

In the second month of Russia's invasion, this is what now passes for life in Chernihiv, a besieged city in northern Ukraine where death is everywhere.

It isn't — yet — quite as synonymous with atrocious human suffering as the pulverized southern city of Mariupol. But similarly blockaded and pounded from afar by Russian troops, Chernihiv's remaining residents are terrified that each blast, bomb and body that lies uncollected on the streets ensnares them in the same macabre trap of unescapable killings and destruction.

"In basements at night, everyone is talking about one thing: Chernihiv becoming (the) next Mariupol," said 38-year-old resident Ihar Kazmerchak, a linguistics scholar.

He spoke to The Associated Press by cellphone, amid incessant beeps signaling that his battery was dying. The city is without power, running water and heating.

Kazmerchak starts his day in long lines for drinking water, rationed to 2 ½ gallons per person. People come with empty bottles and buckets for filling when water-delivery trucks make their rounds.

"Food is running out, and shelling and bombing doesn't stop," he said.

Nestled between the Desna and Dnieper rivers, Chernihiv straddles one of the main roads that Russian troops invading from Belarus used Feb. 24 for what the Kremlin hoped would be a lightning strike onward to the capital, Kyiv, just 91 miles away.

More than half of the city's 280,000 inhabitants fled, according to the mayor, Vladyslav Atroshenko. He estimates Chernihiv's death toll from the war to be in the hundreds.

Russian forces have bombed residential areas from low altitude in "absolutely clear weather" and "are deliberately destroying civilian infrastructure: schools, kindergartens, churches, residential buildings and even the local football stadium," Atroshenko told Ukrainian television.

Refugees from Chernihiv who reached Poland this week spoke of broad and terrible destruction, with bombs flattening at least two schools in the city center.

They said that with utilities knocked out, people are taking water from the Desna to drink and that strikes are killing people while they wait in line for food. Volodymyr Fedorovych, 77, said he narrowly escaped a bomb that fell on a bread line he had been standing in just moments earlier. He said the blast killed 16 people and injured dozens, blowing off arms and legs.

So intense is the siege that some of those trapped cannot even muster the strength to be afraid anymore, Kazmerchak said.

"Ravaged houses, fires, corpses in the street, huge aircraft bombs that didn't explode in courtyards are not surprising anyone anymore," he said. "People are simply tired of being scared and don't even always go down to the basements."

With the invasion in its second month, Russian forces have seemingly stalled on many fronts and are even losing previously taken ground to Ukrainian counterattacks, including around Kyiv. The Russians have bombed the capital from the air but not taken or surrounded the city. U.S. and French defense officials say Russian troops appear to have adopted defensive positions outside Kyiv.

With Russia continuing to strike and encircle urban populations, from Chernihiv and Kharkiv in the north to Mariupol in the south, Ukrainian authorities on Saturday dismissed statements from the Russian military suggesting that it planned to concentrate its remaining strength on wresting the entirety of Ukraine's eastern Donbas region from Ukrainian control. The region has been partially controlled by Russia-backed separatists since 2014.

"We cannot believe the statements from Moscow because there's still a lot of untruth and lies from that side," Markian Lubkivskyi, an adviser to the Ukrainian defense minister, told the BBC. "That's why we understand the goal of (Russian President Vladimir) Putin still is the whole of Ukraine."

That skepticism was underscored hours later when explosions rocked Lviv, a city about 45 miles from the Polish border where an estimated 200,000 displaced Ukrainians have taken refuge.

Among them is Olana Ukrainets, a 34-year-old IT worker from Kharkiv.

"When I came to Lviv, I was sure that all these alarms wouldn't have any results," Ukrainets told the AP from a bomb shelter after the blasts. "Sometimes when I heard them at night, I just stayed in bed. Today, I changed my mind and I should hide every time. ... None of the Ukrainian cities are safe now."

The strike happened as U.S. President Joe Biden was visiting Poland, which has taken in far more Ukrainian refugees than any other country.

Kremlin deploying more mercenaries to Ukraine

Private force with ties to Putin to take on an enhanced role

By Eric Schmitt
The New York Times

A private security guard from Russia's Wagner Group, left, stands next to a Central African Republic soldier during a rally March 18 in the capital city of Bangui. **BARBARA DEBOUT/AFP**

WASHINGTON — Russian mercenaries with combat experience in Syria and Libya are gearing up to assume an increasingly active role in a phase of the war in Ukraine that Moscow now says is its top priority: fighting in the country's east.

The number of mercenaries deployed to Ukraine from the Wagner Group, a private military force with ties to President Vladimir Putin of Russia, is expected to more than triple to at least 1,000 fighters from about 300 a month ago, just before the invasion, a U.S. official said Friday.

The official added that the mercenaries would focus on defeating Ukrainian forces in the country's Donbas region, where Russia-backed separatists have been fighting a war since 2014, and elsewhere in eastern Ukraine.

Dispatching trusted Russian mercenaries to help with a pivotal part of the invasion underscores the Kremlin's efforts to regroup and refocus its flagging military campaign that so far has failed to achieve Putin's initial goals, U.S. and other Western officials said.

The Russian military signaled last week that it might be lowering its war ambitions and focusing on the Donbas, although military analysts said it remained to be seen whether the move constituted a meaningful shift or was a maneuver to distract attention before another offensive.

Wagner is the best-known of an array of Russian mercenary groups, which over the years have become more formalized, acting more like Western military contractors.

"The Wagner Group is a private military contractor for Russia," John Kirby, the Pentagon press secretary, said last week. "We know that they have interest in increasing their footprint in Ukraine."

Wagner's fighters have garnered military experience in Middle East conflicts and serve as security advisers to various governments, including in the Central African Republic, Sudan and, most recently, Mali. Although they are loosely linked to the Russian military, they operate at a distance, which has allowed the Kremlin to try to deflect responsibility whenever the fighters' behavior comes under scrutiny.

Underscoring how seriously Wagner considers its role in the conflict in Ukraine, senior Wagner leaders are expected to deploy to the separatist enclaves of Donetsk and Luhansk to coordinate efforts on behalf of Russia, the U.S. official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss confidential operational assessments.

Wagner is relocating not only some of its mercenaries in Libya and Syria to Ukraine, but also artillery, air defenses and radar that the group was using in Libya, the official said. The Russian military is supporting these transfers by providing military cargo aircraft to relocate personnel and equipment.

While Wagner's numbers are tiny compared with the more than 150,000 troops that Putin amassed on Ukraine's borders and eventually sent into the country, their presence is an indication that Putin is taking a page from his playbook in 2014, when the Kremlin deployed Russian mercenaries, mostly veterans of the Russian military, to augment the forces of rebel fighters in eastern Ukraine.

Earlier this year, Western intelligence services detected the first small groups of Wagner mercenaries leaving Libya and Syria and arriving in Russian-controlled Crimea. From there, they filtered into the rebel territories.

But their initial performance on the battlefield was decidedly inauspicious, as they faced stiffer-than-expected resistance from Ukrainian soldiers. As many as 200 Russian mercenaries had been killed as of late February, the U.S. official said.

A Ukrainian military official said just before the invasion began that the mercenaries were primarily brought in to fill out the ranks of the separatist forces, to make it seem as if local fighters were leading the charge.

Now the mercenaries are taking on a more direct combat and leadership role in eastern Ukraine, the U.S. official said.

In 2021, a United Nations report found that mercenaries from Wagner based in the Central African Republic had killed civilians, looted homes and fatally shot worshippers at a mosque.

Several years earlier, Wagner fighters in Syria worked with pro-government Syrian forces to launch a major artillery barrage against U.S. commandos at a desert redoubt, apparently in an attempt to seize oil and gas fields the Americans were protecting. In response, the Americans called in airstrikes that resulted in 200 to 300 deaths.

In both cases, the Russian government denied involvement.

Rahm Emanuel, the U.S. ambassador to Japan, prepares to lay a wreath Saturday in Hiroshima, Japan. **U.S. EMBASSY**

Japan, US pay respects to atom bomb victims

By Mari Yamaguchi
Associated Press

TOKYO — Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida escorted the U.S. ambassador to his hometown Hiroshima on Saturday to pay respects to atomic bombing victims and warned that the world is again facing threats of nuclear attacks stemming from Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

"As we face a possibility of Russia's use of nuclear weapons as a realistic concern, I felt strongly (as leader of) the world's only country to have suffered atomic attacks that we should never allow threats or use of nuclear weapons," Kishida said after a tour of the peace park and the museum with Ambassador Rahm Emanuel.

"The tragedy should never be repeated," Kishida said.

Leaders from the Group of Seven countries on Thursday urged Russia not to use biological, chemical or nuclear weapons on Ukraine. Russian President Vladimir Putin in February ordered his nation's nuclear forces put on high alert over tensions with the West.

The Aug. 6, 1945, atomic bombing by the United States killed about 140,000 people and nearly destroyed Hiroshima. Three days later, a second U.S. atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki killed 70,000 more, before Japan surrendered six days later.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine "highlights the harsh road toward achieving a world without nuclear weapons," Kishida said. "As prime minister from Hiroshima, I must firmly send a message (of peace) to the rest of the world."

Kishida, however, has been pushing to bolster Japan's military budget and capability amid growing threats from China, North Korea and Russia. He says his realistic approach is to protect lives while seeking to achieve the ideal for the future.

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Khodr Allah, a Pakistani resident of Qatar, displays his gyrfalcon March 15 at the Souq Waqif Falcon Hospital in Doha, Qatar. **LUJAIN JO/AP**

State-of-the-art hospital in Qatar caters only to falcons

By Lujain Jo
Associated Press

DOHA, Qatar — At first glance, the Souq Waqif clinic in the historic center of Doha, the capital of Qatar, could be any other state-of-the-art hospital.

Nurses in blue scrubs move briskly through the bright wards, conducting rounds. Radiology and operating rooms whir with the beeps and blinks of monitors. Specialists squint at X-rays and masked doctors make incisions with all the high-tech tools of modern surgery on hand.

There's just one thing: The rooms are filled with falcons.

In the tiny, wealthy emirate of Qatar, the desert birds are among the nation's most pampered residents.

Long revered across the Arabian Peninsula for their ferocity and hunting prowess, falcons today serve as sheikhly status symbols recalling a Bedouin past.

The bond between falconers and their falcons has been an inspiration since the Paleolithic period, when drawings of the creatures first appeared on cave walls.

Although less fashionable now than in the days of yore, the art of falconry is still passed down from one generation to the next in Qatar and other oil-rich sheikhdoms of the Persian Gulf.

With demand growing in recent years, clubs that teach the sport have sprouted up across the region. Falcons compete in an increasing number of races and beauty contests.

The finest falcons fetch at least a few thousand dollars, and Qataris spare no expense to maintain their good health.

"The establishment of the hospital was to support the hobby and heritage of raising falcons ... it's a pastime that stretches its veins into multiple generations," Souq Waqif hospital director Dr. Ikdam Al Karkhi said recently. "Keeping them alive and well is an essential duty."

Public hospitals like Souq Waqif offer expert care to sick and wounded hawks, roughly 30,000 a year.

The marbled reception area bustles with owners and handlers bringing their birds in for check-ups, medical tests, feather replacements, orthopedic surgeries — and even something akin to mani-pedis.

Falcon nail filing is very serious business, as birds transplanted from the desert wild to opulent homes in skyscraper-studded Doha or bred in captivity cannot easily find sharp surfaces on which to trim their talons.

The falcon's hunt may be a long-venerated tradition, but it's also grisly work.

The cornered prey at times puts up a fight, clawing an attacking falcon and hobbling its wings. Each of a falcon's feathers is vital to its flight, necessitating careful feather replacement after a scuffle.

Doctors pull from a bank of shed feathers to find one that perfectly matches the wounded bird's breed — plumage of the same pattern, length and color.

"If these damaged feathers remain, it can cause loss or reduction of the bird's fitness," Al Karkhi said. "They must be treated."

Hospital surgeons treat other casualties of the hunt, too. Falcons' beaks and talons suffer damage from all that swooping and plunging and gobbling.

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either basketball team. With the UConn women, everything is relative. The Huskies' season was going off the rails in December and January, darn near crashed in a heap at Gampel Pavilion last Monday night, but it's still a season all but a few schools in the country would consider a dream season.

And with another ticket to the Elite Eight, the Huskies have to get past top-seeded NC State on Monday to go to the Final Four for the 14th tournament in a row. If they want to go the Tom Brady route and chant "we're still here," who can blame them?

"You know, Monday night we played a team, UCF, that's experienced as hell and been together a long time," Auriemma said. "Today, we played a team that's experienced as hell and has been together a long time. Now this Monday night, we've got a team that's won three straight ACC Tournaments, and they've been together a long time. There's no breathers in this tournament, and there shouldn't be, either. When you're playing to go to the Final Four, it should be a real, real, real hard game. And this game [against NC State] is as hard as any final eight game that I can remember."

The Huskies (28-5) are managing this tournament as it goes along. Auriemma seems to have settled on a starting five of Bueckers, Azzi Fudd, Christyn Williams, Olivia Nelson-Ododa and Edwards, all played 29 ½ minutes or more, with four others getting in the game and playing depending on what Auriemma sees.

"Unfortunately some people need a lot of minutes to be effective," Auriemma said. "But unfortunately in the NCAA Tournament, you don't have time. Everyone has a role on our team, and it depends on what night, what your role is going to be that night, which is what I really like."

Geno Auriemma reacts during the fourth quarter of the Huskies' win over Indiana on Saturday. **FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP**

Bueckers and Fudd, best friends whose teaming up was supposed to be the thing this season, before injuries got in the way, are a combination that can change games. Even if Bueckers is not quite what she was before her knee surgery and Fudd goes cold, as she did after hitting three early 3-pointers on Saturday, they draw so much attention it leaves the lanes wide open for Williams. When Edwards and Nelson-Ododa rebound like they did against Indiana, combining for 24, that completes the puzzle.

But this is 2022, and other women's basketball teams have the puzzle complete, or nearly complete, too. Most teams have multiple fifth- and sixth-year seniors. Many programs are rising, and the overpowering aura of UConn no longer has teams feeling beaten before a game starts. UCF put UConn through a ringer, and Indiana made UConn work, even after the Hoosiers fell behind by 20.

"Monday was a huge reminder to our team," Auriemma said. "That, yo, this is how things go. You don't just roll in, have a conversation with the other team and go, 'What do you want the score to be tonight? At UConn, we've made it look easy enough times that the expectation sometimes is, 'Why isn't this easy tonight?' "

The point has been driven home. If UConn hasn't changed, if Auriemma, who turned 68 Wednesday, is still the same old Geno, the world around the Huskies is different. The Sweet 16, the Elite Eight or Final Four is no longer a birth right for UConn. The Huskies may yet get there, to the top, but how hard it is will make it special.

"I actually thought making the NCAA Tournament was in jeopardy," Auriemma said. "Because you never know when you're ever going to get back to having more than six or seven players. It just seemed like, 'This is it. This is what it's going to be the rest of the season. You've got six or seven healthy players, max.' But little by little we got everybody back. We started playing real well. We got contributions from a ton of people.

And, you know, here we are. Our players sitting in that locker room have a lot of tradition on their backs. And sometimes, that's enough to carry you."

It's enough, at least, to allow Auriemma to let out that sigh and trudge up the ramp to his bus Saturday night with at least one more game to coach, the quest for a 12th championship still very much alive.

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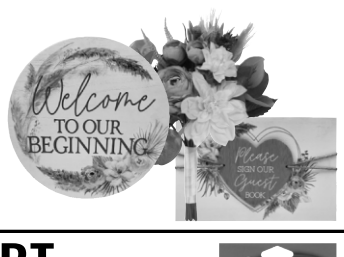

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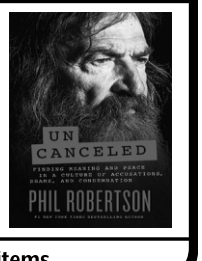

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Review: Virus relief spent elsewhere

Governments gave funds to projects not related to pandemic

By Brian Slodysko
Associated Press

An AP review finds state and local governments have spent nearly $1 billion worth of federal aid on projects that have little to do with combating the pandemic. In Broward County, Florida, $140 million will help build an upscale hotel. **REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP**

WASHINGTON — Thanks to a sudden $140 million cash infusion, officials in Broward County, Florida, recently broke ground on a high-end hotel that will have views of the Atlantic Ocean and an 11,000-square-foot spa.

In New York, Dutchess County pledged $12 million for renovations of a minor league baseball stadium to meet requirements the New York Yankees set for their farm teams.

And in Massachusetts, lawmakers delivered $5 million to pay off debts of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate in Boston, a nonprofit established to honor the late senator that has struggled financially.

The three distinctly different outlays have one thing in common: Each is among the dozens of projects that state and local governments across the United States are funding with federal coronavirus relief money despite having little to do with combating the pandemic, a review by The Associated Press has found.

The expenditures amount to a fraction of the $350 billion made available through last year's American Rescue Plan to help state and local governments weather the crisis. But they are examples of uses of the aid that are inconsistent with the rationale that Democrats offered for the record $1.9 trillion bill: The cash was desperately needed to save jobs, help those in distress, open schools and increase vaccinations.

Republicans are already balking at additional money for pandemic relief that President Joe Biden has requested, and programs that seem far removed from ones that directly combat the virus will probably add to the resistance in the GOP.

"They need to give us an accounting," said Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, who tried unsuccessfully to amend the Democrats' bill last year to add more limits on how the money could be spent. "Show us how you've already spent the money Congress gave you," he said, adding, "It's hard to imagine how a four-star hotel is helping to solve the pain of COVID."

Many of the projects identified by the AP echo pork-barrel spending disasters such as Alaska's $398 million "Bridge to Nowhere," which was canceled in 2007 after a public uproar.

But with permissive Treasury Department rules governing how the pandemic money can be spent, state and local governments face few limitations. New Jersey allocated $15 million for upgrades to sweeten the state's bid to host the 2026 World Cup. In Woonsocket, Rhode Island, officials allocated $53,000 for a remodeling of City Hall.

"Outrageous" and "just nuts" is how Rep. Abigail Spanberger, D-Va., described some of the expenditures, which she said were an affront to responsible local governments.

"Our hospitals were overwhelmed because of the pandemic and somebody now has a hotel somewhere?" she added.

Included among the projects and expenditures identified by the AP:

- $400 million to build new prisons in Alabama, accounting for nearly one-quarter of the total aid the state will receive through the program.
- Tens of millions of dollars for tourism marketing campaigns in Puerto Rico ($70 million), Washington, D.C., ($8 million) and Tucson, Arizona ($2 million). The city of Alexandria, Virginia, also announced it would spend $120,000 to give its tourism website a makeover.
- $6.6 million to replace irrigation systems at two golf courses in Colorado Springs.
- $5 million approved by Birmingham, Alabama, to support the 2022 World Games.
- $2.5 million to hire new parking enforcement officers in Washington, D.C.
- $2 million to help Pottawattamie County, Iowa, purchase a privately owned ski area.
- $1 million to pay off overdue child support in St. Louis. A city memo states that owing child support stops some people from looking for work because the overdue payments are garnished from paychecks; the program would "empower individuals" by paying down a portion.
- $300,000 to establish a museum in Worcester, Massachusetts, honoring Major Taylor, a famed Black bicycle rider from the turn of the 20th century known as the "Worcester Whirlwind" who died in 1932.

In Broward County, officials defended their planned 29-story, 800-room hotel, which will be owned by the county but operated by a private management group.

They also contest whether federal money is technically being used for the project. Broward County initially routed $140 million in federal coronavirus aid to the project, which ran against Treasury Department rules that generally bar spending the money on large capital projects.

To get around the prohibition, the county adopted a common workaround.

The agenda from a Feb. 22 county board meeting details how: In a back-to-back series of unopposed votes, commissioners clawed back the federal money they had given to the hotel. They then transferred it to the county's general fund, describing it as a federal payment to cover lost tax revenue, which is an acceptable use. Then the cash was transferred from the general fund right back to the project.

County Administrator Monica Cepero insisted "no federal funds will be used to pay any of the cost of developing the Hotel Project."

"The County has reviewed the Treasury guidance and modified its use of (the) funds," she said in a statement.

Some lawmakers in Congress, however, are nonplussed.

"They are basically money laundering funding that is meant to help communities that are suffering," said Spanberger, who called for more oversight.

Local officials in New York's Dutchess County, home to the $12 million minor league stadium project, said in a statement that the expenditure was "completely and absolutely consistent" with Congress' intent for the money.

Even in cases where local and state officials may have violated the rules, the sheer volume of money pumped out presents a challenge for government oversight offices that are often understaffed and poorly funded.

"The amount of money that went out was so massive and so far beyond anything that has ever been spent in our country before, that our capacity to audit every dollar spent is clearly stretched," Romney said.

But groups that lobby on behalf of local governments in Washington say the spending rules were written permissively in order to give needed flexibility.

"Counties should be able to determine what's best for them," said Mark Ritacco, director of government affairs for the National Association of Counties. "Their residents will decide whether that was appropriate or not at the ballot box."

TAYLOR HAWKINS 1972-2022

Drummer's 'musical spirit and infectious laughter will live on'

By Andrew Dalton
Associated Press

Taylor Hawkins, longtime drummer for the Foo Fighters, died Friday night in Colombia. **VALERIE MACON/GETTY-AFP**

LOS ANGELES — Taylor Hawkins, for 25 years the drummer for Foo Fighters and best friend of frontman Dave Grohl, has died during a South American tour with the rock band. He was 50.

There were few immediate details on how Hawkins died, although the band said in a statement Friday that his death was a "tragic and untimely loss."

Colombia's Prosecutor's Office released a statement Saturday saying toxicological tests on urine from Hawkins' body preliminarily found 10 psychoactive substances and medicines, including marijuana, opioids, tricyclic antidepressants and benzodiazepines. It did not provide a cause of death and investigations are continuing.

Foo Fighters had been scheduled to play at a festival on Friday night in Bogota, Colombia.

"His musical spirit and infectious laughter will live on with all of us forever," said a message on the band's official Twitter account that was also emailed to reporters.

Police vehicles, an ambulance and fans were gathered outside the hotel where Hawkins was believed to have been staying.

"It was a band I grew up with. This leaves me empty," Juan Sebastian Anchique, 23, told Associated Press as he mourned Hawkins outside the hotel.

The Bogota municipal government issued a statement Saturday that the city's emergency center had received a report of a patient with "chest pain" and sent an ambulance, though a private ambulance had already arrived at a hotel in northern Bogota.

Health workers tried to revive him, but were unable to do so.

After Grohl, Hawkins was the most recognizable member of the group, appearing alongside the lead singer in interviews and playing prominent, usually comic, roles in the band's videos and their recent horror-comedy film, "Studio 666."

Hawkins was Alanis Morrissette's touring drummer when he joined Foo Fighters in 1997. He played on the band's biggest albums including "One by One" and "On Your Honor," and on hit singles including "My Hero" and "Best of You."

In Grohl's 2021 book "The Storyteller," he called Hawkins his "brother from another mother, my best friend, a man for whom I would take a bullet."

Tributes poured out on social media for Hawkins.

"God bless you Taylor Hawkins," Rage Against The Machine guitarist Tom Morello said on Twitter along with a photo of himself, Hawkins and Jane's Addiction singer Perry Ferrell. "I loved your spirit and your unstoppable rock power."

Born Oliver Taylor Hawkins in Fort Worth Texas in 1972, Hawkins was raised in Laguna Beach, California. He played in the small Southern California band Sylvia before landing his first major gig as a drummer for Canadian singer Sass Jordan.

Hawkins told the AP in 2019 that his early drumming influences included Roger Taylor from Queen.

Hawkins and Grohl met at a show when Hawkins was still with Morrissette. Grohl's band would have an opening soon after when then-drummer William Goldsmith left. Grohl called Hawkins, who was a huge Foo Fighters fan and immediately accepted.

Hawkins first appeared with the band in the 1997 video for Foo Fighters' most popular song, "Everlong," although he had yet to join the group when the song was recorded. He would go on to pound out epic versions of it as the climax of Foo Fighters' concerts.

In another highlight of the group's live shows, Grohl would get behind the drums and Hawkins would sing a cover of Queen's "Somebody to Love."

Hawkins is survived by his wife, Alison, and their three children.

Biden's budget proposal: New minimum tax on billionaires

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

President Joe Biden delivers his first State of the Union address March 1 at the U.S. Capitol. Biden's proposed budget for 2023 is expected Monday. **SAUL LOEB/POOL VIA AFP**

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden intends to propose a minimum tax of 20% on households worth more than $100 million and cut projected budget deficits by more than $1 trillion over the next decade, according to fact sheets released Saturday by the White House budget office.

The introduction of the minimum tax on the wealthiest Americans would represent a significant reorienting of the tax code. It would apply to the top 0.01% of households with half of the expected revenue coming from households worth $1 billion or more. The minimum tax would effectively prevent the wealthiest sliver of America from paying lower rates than families who think of themselves as middle class, while helping to generate revenues to fuel Biden's domestic ambitions and keep the deficit in check relative to the U.S. economy.

In his proposal expected Monday, the lower deficits reflect the economy's resurgence as the United States emerges from the pandemic, as well as likely tax law changes that would raise more than enough revenue to offset additional investments planned by the Biden administration. It's a sign that the government's balance sheet will improve after a historic burst of spending to combat the coronavirus.

The fading of the pandemic and the growth has enabled the deficit to fall from $3.1 trillion in fiscal 2020 to $2.8 trillion last year and a projected $1.4 trillion this year. That deficit spending paid off in the form of the economy expanding at a 5.7% pace last year, the strongest growth since 1984.

But inflation at a 40-year high also accompanied those robust gains as high prices have weighed on Biden's popularity.

For the Biden administration, the proposal for the budget year that begins Oct. 1 shows that the burst of spending helped to fuel growth and put government finances in a more stable place for years to come as a result. One White House official, insisting on anonymity because the budget has yet to be released, said the proposal shows that Democrats can deliver on what Republicans have promised before without much success: faster growth and falling deficits.

Yet the Biden budget would pledge to do so through a kind of wealth tax that many Republicans say would hurt the economy by diminishing private investment in companies that create jobs and cause the wealthy to put their fortunes to work abroad.

Republican lawmakers have said that the Biden administration's spending has led to greater economic pain. The inflation that came with reopening the U.S. economy as the closures from the pandemic began to end has been amplified by supply chain issues, low interest rates and disruptions in the oil and natural gas markets.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky pinned the blame on Biden's coronavirus relief as well as his push to move away from fossil fuels.

"Washington Democrats' response to these hardships has been as misguided as the war on American energy and runaway spending that helped create them," McConnell said last week. "The Biden administration seems to be willing to try anything but walking back their own disastrous economic policies."

Biden inherited from the Trump administration a budget deficit equal in size to 14.9% of the entire U.S. economy. But the deficit starting in the upcoming budget year will be below 5% of the economy, putting the country on a more sustainable path, according to people familiar with the budget proposal who insisted on anonymity to discuss details.

The lower deficit totals will also be easier to manage even if interest rates rise.

The expected deficit decrease for fiscal 2022 reflects the solid recovery in hiring that occurred in large part because of Biden's $1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package. The government will likely collect $300 billion more in revenues compared with fiscal 2021, a 10% increase.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Iran: Restoring nuke deal amid continued US sanctions possible

From news services

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's top diplomat said Saturday that the country's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard accepted the idea of continuing to be sanctioned by the U.S. if it meant the restoration of Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers.

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian's remark in a state television interview may signal a possible opening over the stalemated Vienna talks. It also appeared timed for a visit Sunday by a European Union diplomat involved in the negotiations.

Sanctions on the Guard have been one of the remaining sticking points over restoring the tattered nuclear deal, outside of Russia's late demand of guarantees over its trade relationship with Iran amid Moscow's war on Ukraine.

The Guard represents one of the major power bases in the Shiite theocracy and is answerable only to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

In the interview, Amirabdollahian acknowledged that the Guard sanctions were a topic discussed.

"High-rank Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps officials in the country always remind us at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of a point, and they say that you should do whatever is necessary for the interests of the country," he said. "If you reach a point where the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps issue was raised, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps issue should not be an obstacle for you."

Though later saying that he wouldn't negotiate on the Guard sanctions, the remark Saturday represents the first time he or any other Iranian official suggested it could be traded away as part of the negotiations.

It came as Spanish diplomat Enrique Mora, who has been the EU's lead negotiator in the talks, was traveling to Iran for meetings Sunday.

Earlier Saturday in Qatar, EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said all sides were "very close to an agreement" for a roadmap restoring the 2015 nuclear deal, which saw Iran limit its enrichment of uranium in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions. The deal collapsed in 2018 when then-President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew America from the accord.

Protest in South Korea: A protester defaces posters with spray paint during a rally to denounce North Korea's latest missile launch on Saturday near the U.S. Embassy in Seoul, South Korea. The U.S. has called for tougher U.N. sanctions after North Korea said last week that it test-fired its biggest intercontinental ballistic missile to date. AHN YOUNG-JOON/AP

China plane crash: Chinese authorities officially confirmed Saturday that there were no survivors in last week's crash of a China Eastern flight with 132 people on board.

The announcement by an official of the Civil Aviation Administration of China at a late-night news conference was followed by a brief moment of silence. Investigators have identified 120 of the victims through DNA analysis, state media reported.

The flight from the city of Kunming in southwestern China was flying at 29,000 feet on Monday when it suddenly nosedived into a mountainous area, shortly before it would have started its descent to the airport in Guangzhou on China's southeastern coast.

Construction excavators continued to dig into the crash site in the search for wreckage, remains and the second black box. Searchers found the cockpit voice recorder Wednesday but have yet to find the flight data recorder.

China Eastern, one of China's four major airlines, and its subsidiaries have grounded all of their Boeing 737-800 aircraft, a total of 223 planes, as a precaution.

Taliban rulers block women: Afghanistan's Taliban rulers refused to allow dozens of women to board several flights, including some overseas, because they were traveling without a male guardian, two Afghan airline officials said Saturday.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said dozens of women who arrived at Kabul's international airport Friday to board domestic and international flights were told they couldn't do so.

Some women were dual nationals returning to their homes overseas, including some from Canada, according to one of the officials. Women were denied boarding on flights to Islamabad, Dubai and Turkey.

The order came from the Taliban leadership, said one official.

It was still unclear whether the Taliban would exempt air travel from an order issued months ago.

That order called for women traveling more than 45 miles to be accompanied by a male relative.

Congressman resigns: Republican U.S. Rep. Jeff Fortenberry of Nebraska on Saturday resigned from office after a California jury convicted him of lying to federal authorities about an illegal campaign donation from a foreign national.

In a letter to the House, Fortenberry said he was resigning from Congress, effective Thursday.

Fortenberry's announcement followed concerted pressure from political leaders in Nebraska and Washington for him to step down. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy on Friday urged Fortenberry to resign. Nebraska Republican Gov. Pete Ricketts said Fortenberry should "do the right thing for his constituents" and leave the office he has held since 2005.

Fortenberry will be sentenced June 28.

Ex-candidate released: A former gubernatorial candidate in Maine was bailed out of jail on Saturday after his arrest on charges of possession of child pornography.

Officials with the Hancock County Jail said Eliot Cutler made bail in the afternoon after a day in custody. He had been held on $50,000 bail.

The Maine State Police Computer Crimes Unit arrested Cutler Friday at a home he and his wife share in Brooklin, about 130 miles from Portland. Cutler, 75, twice ran for governor as an independent, using his personal wealth to pay for the unsuccessful campaigns.

Warrants were executed on two of Cutler's homes last week. The counts correspond with crimes authorities said Cutler committed from December through March. Hancock County District Attorney Matthew Foster has said it "wouldn't surprise me if more charges were on the way."

Cutler now faces four counts of possession of sexually explicit material of a child under 12, prosecutors have said. Each count carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

Yemen attacked: A Saudi-led coalition fighting Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen unleashed a barrage of airstrikes on the capital and a strategic Red Sea city, officials said Saturday. At least eight people were killed.

The overnight airstrikes on Sanaa and Hodeida — both held by the Houthis — came a day after the rebels attacked an oil depot in the Saudi city of Jiddah, their highest-profile assault yet on the kingdom.

Brig. Gen. Turki al-Malki, a spokesman for the Saudi-led coalition, said the strikes targeted "sources of threat" to Saudi Arabia, according to the state-run Saudi Press Agency.

He said the coalition intercepted and destroyed two explosives-laden drones early Saturday. He said the drones were launched from Houthi-held civilian oil facilities in Hodeida.

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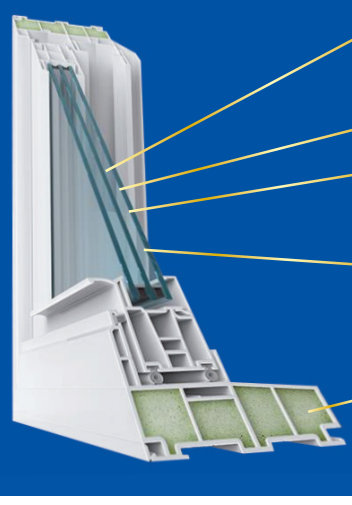

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WAR IN UKRAINE

WWII survivors face conflict again

'It's a frightening repeat,' says man, 86, fleeing country

By Emma Bubola
The New York Times

Maria Stasenko, second from right, stands next to her grandson, preparing to fight with Ukrainian forces. **ALEXANDER DEMICH**

Borys Zabarko was 6 years old when the Nazis invaded what is now Ukraine in 1941 and his hometown, Sharhorod, became a Jewish ghetto. Women, children and old men slept in packed rooms with no bathrooms or water, he said. As typhus epidemics raged, the ground was too cold to dig graves, and bodies were thrown on top of each other. Zabarko's father and uncle, who fought with the Soviet army, died in combat.

After the liberation, Zabarko said he became convinced that nothing like that would ever happen again.

Now 86, he spent a recent night in the freezing train station in Lviv, in the west of Ukraine, standing on a crowded platform as he tried to get on a train to escape another war.

"It's a frightening repeat," he said by phone from Nuremberg, Germany, where he fled with his 17-year-old granddaughter, Ilona, before eventually settling in Stuttgart. "Again, we have this murderous war."

Most Ukrainians watched in shock in recent weeks as their country was hit by violence and destruction on a scale they had never seen before, with children killed, mass graves, and bombing of homes and hospitals.

For some older Ukrainians, Russia's invasion has revived painful memories of World War II, in which more than 5 million were killed in Ukraine, even if the toll and scale of the current conflict is incomparable.

Echoes of the world war have been omnipresent since the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Dumskaya.net, a news website in Odesa, Ukraine, ended articles with a sentence adapted from one that local newspapers used during World War II. Instead of "Death to the German occupiers," it now read "Death to the Russian occupiers." An anti-tank hedgehog that was used in 1941 was pulled out of a museum and deployed to a street in Kyiv.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine, the grandson of a Red Army veteran, repurposed language from that conflict, describing a "patriotic war" underway, a reference to the Great Patriotic War of the Soviet Union against Nazi Germany.

For Ukrainians, "World War II is the single most unifying emotional touchstone," said Markian Dobczansky, a historian at the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute. While the Ukrainian state is evoking those memories, the Ukrainian people also "make that connection on their own," he said.

Alexandra Deineka, 83, was 3 years old when she lost several fingers after a bomb hit her house in Kharkiv. This month, the house, in which she still lives, was bombed again, and part of her roof destroyed. "The same story, like many years ago," said her grandson, Dmytro Deineka. "The same, same."

When Zabarko heard air raid sirens on a recent morning, he ran for an underground garage. There, he found people who had slept the night, hiding from the missiles and bombs dropping on the city, including mothers with children in strollers who were afraid to leave. His mind immediately went back to 1941.

"The feelings are the same," he said. "It's death that flies above you."

After spending days sheltering in his apartment, his granddaughter was suffering from unbearable anxiety, he said, and his daughter begged him to take her out of Ukraine. They both got sick with COVID-19 after traveling by train in overcrowded carriages.

"We believed that we and our children and our grandchildren would live a peaceful life," he said, "and now there is another war with people dying, blood spilling."

After Germany invaded what is now Ukraine, it ceded the region of Transnistria to its ally in Romania, which deported thousands of Jews to Sharhorod, confining them there.

After the war, Zabarko became a historian, wrote books about the Holocaust and headed an association of survivors. Now he feels as if his life's work had fallen on deaf ears.

"This is my personal tragedy," he said. "If we had learned those lessons, we wouldn't have war in Ukraine; we wouldn't have any war."

About 1.5 million Jews were killed in Ukraine's Holocaust. At Babyn Yar in Kyiv, nearly 34,000 were killed in just two days in one of the worst mass murders of Jews during the Holocaust.

Among those victims were the aunt and grandmother of Svetlana Petrovskaya, who had fled Kyiv with her mother after the Nazi invasion.

On March 1, Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Center in Kyiv said that Russian forces had struck the site.

"Now the Putin bombs are bombing Babyn Yar," said Petrovskaya, 87, a history teacher. "One cannot fathom this."

After Petrovskaya and her mother had fled on a cattle train, her father became a prisoner of war. When the family returned to Kyiv in 1944, Petrovskaya and other children picked up bricks after school and helped rebuild the city.

Now, 82 years later, Petrovskaya was leaving Kyiv on a bus with older people and children, ending up in Budapest, after gathering her jewels, some books of poems, her late husband's pipes and letters he had received from his former students.

"I am a strong person, and I did not cry when my husband died, but I burst into tears when I left Kyiv," she said. "It was so much like 1941."

ANALYSIS

How Russia, US right-wing converged on war

Both sides work on creating an alternate reality of the conflict

By Sheera Frenkel and Stuart A. Thompson
The New York Times

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy delivers a address to the U.S. Congress. **SARAHBETH MANEY/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

After President Vladimir Putin of Russia claimed that action against Ukraine was taken in self-defense, Fox News host Tucker Carlson and conservative commentator Candace Owens repeated the assertion.

When Putin insisted he was trying to "denazify" Ukraine, Joe Oltmann, a far-right podcaster, and Lara Logan, another right-wing commentator, mirrored the idea.

The echoing went the other way too. Some far-right U.S. news sites, like Infowars, stoked a longtime, unfounded Russian claim that the United States funded biological weapons labs in Ukraine. Russian officials seized on the chatter, with the Kremlin contending it had documentation of bioweapons programs that justified its "special military operation" in Ukraine.

As war has raged, the Kremlin's talking points and some right-wing discourse in the United States — fueled by those on the far right — have coalesced. On social media, podcasts and television, falsehoods about the invasion of Ukraine have flowed both ways.

By reinforcing and feeding each other's messaging, some right-wing Americans have given credibility to Russia's assertions and vice versa. Together, they have created an alternate reality, recasting the Western bloc of allies as provokers, blunderers and liars, which has bolstered Putin.

The war threw some conservatives — who had insisted no invasion would happen — for a loop. Many criticized Putin and Russia's assault on Ukraine. Some have since gone on to urge more support for Ukraine.

But several far-right commentators have again gravitated to narratives favorable to Putin's cause. The main one has been the bioweapons conspiracy theory, which has provided a way to talk about the war while focusing criticism on President Joe Biden and the U.S. government instead of Putin and the Kremlin.

"People are asking if the far right in the U.S. is influencing Russia or if Russia is influencing the far right, but the truth is they are influencing each other," said Thomas Rid, a professor at Johns Hopkins University who studies Russian information warfare. "They are pushing the same narratives."

Their intersecting comments could have far-reaching implications, potentially exacerbating polarization in the United States and influencing the midterm elections. They could also create a wedge among the right, with those who are pro-Russia at odds with the Republicans who have become vocal champions for the United States to ramp up its military response in Ukraine.

"The question is how much the far-right figures are going to impact the broader media discussion, or push their party," said Bret Schafer, a senior fellow for the Alliance for Securing Democracy, a Washington nonprofit. "It serves them, and Russia, to muddy the waters and confuse Americans."

Many of their misleading war narratives, which are sometimes indirect and contradictory, have reached millions. While Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and other platforms limited the reach of Russian state media online after the war began, a variety of far-right Telegram channels, blogs and podcasts took up the task of spreading the Kremlin's claims.

Inside Russia, state media has in turn reflected what some far-right Americans have said.

Mentions of bioweapons labs related to war in Ukraine have more than doubled — to more than 1,000 a day — since early March on Russian- and English-language social media, cable TV, and print and online outlets, according to media tracking company Zignal Labs.

The unsubstantiated idea began trending in English-language media late last month, according to Zignal's analysis. Interest faded by early March as images of injured Ukrainians and bombed cities spread across the internet.

But Russia breathed new life into the conspiracy theory on March 6 when its Defense Ministry claimed in a televised address that it had uncovered "traces of a military biological program being implemented in Ukraine, funded by the U.S. Department of Defense."

Carlson later aired the Russian statement on his show. Fox News declined to comment and pointed to segments where Carlson has criticized Putin.

Russia laid much of the groundwork for its convergence with many on the American right years ago. Before the 2016 U.S. presidential election, the Kremlin-backed Internet Research Agency, an organization that professionalized online disinformation, spread inflammatory content through Facebook and other social platforms to sow divisions among Americans and boost Donald Trump, the Republican nominee.

After Trump was elected, he publicly complimented Putin, once calling him "a genius." The comments helped seed a favorable view of Putin's strongman style of governance among some Americans.

The pandemic further aligned some on the far right with Russia's propaganda machine. Both sought to undercut confidence in vaccines and mask mandates to foment distrust in the federal government and health agencies. Anti-vaccine Facebook groups and Telegram channels became fertile ground for members of the far right and Russian trolls to hunt for conspiracy theories to promote, Schafer said.

Last month, the coalescing crystallized. As Western intelligence showed that Russia was preparing to invade Ukraine, Putin declared Ukraine an American colony with a "puppet regime" and denied that he planned an invasion.

In the United States, Carlson also called Ukraine "an obedient puppet of the Biden State Department."

On Feb. 16, Russian state-owned media claimed that Ukraine had "fired mortar shells" at a separatist enclave within Ukraine backed by Russia. Charlie Kirk, a conservative activist, quoted the Russian media's false assertion on his Telegram channel to 256,000 subscribers. Days later, Kirk also described the heightened situation as a "border dispute."

A spokesperson for Kirk said it was "patently false" that the podcaster was sympathetic to Russia's invasion and that he was "rightly questioning" U.S. foreign policy.

But the invasion proved highly unpopular among many Americans, leading to a backlash against those who seemed to side with Putin. After far-right podcaster Oltmann said on his Feb. 24 show that he would "stand on the side of Russia," his co-host, Max McGuire, pushed back.

"Russia's the bad guy in this situation," McGuire said. Oltmann and McGuire did not respond to requests for comment.

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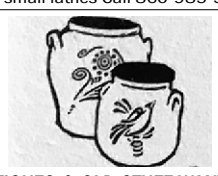

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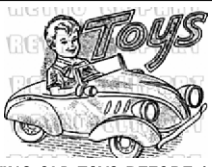

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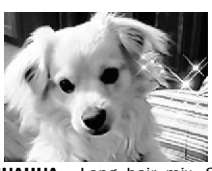

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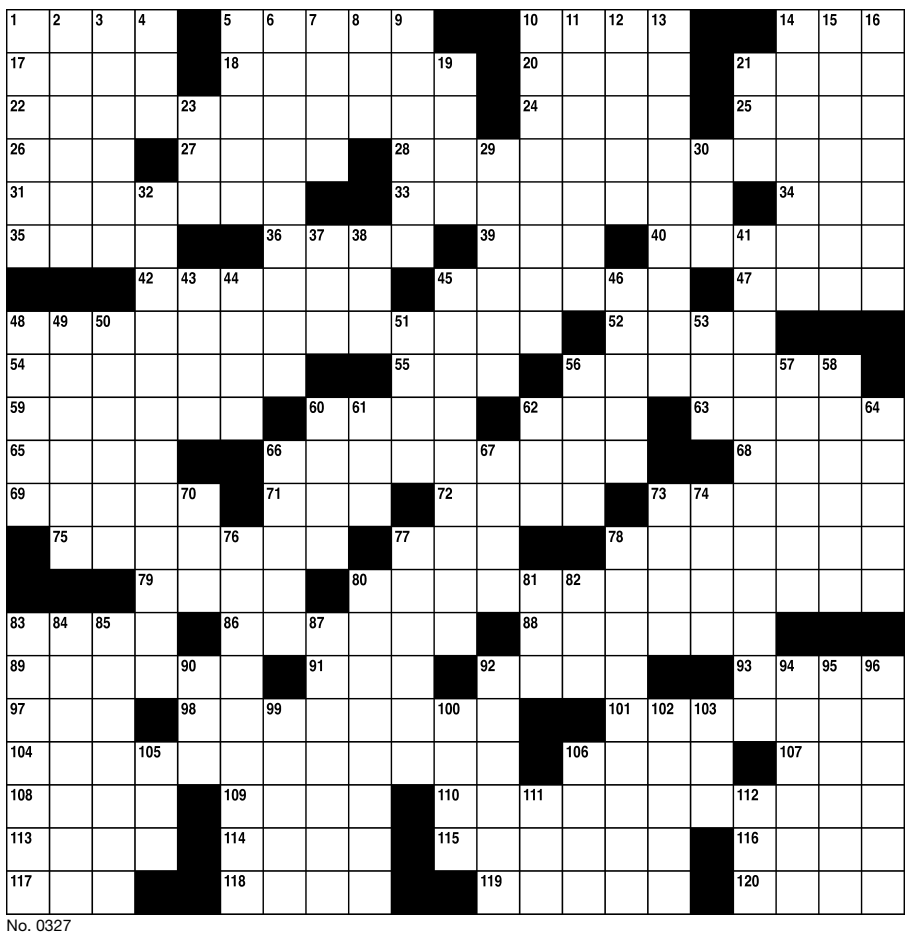
Brad Wiegmann is a national security lawyer for the Department of Justice in Washington. He says this puzzle reminds him of an old Steven Wright line: "I almost had psychic girlfriend - but she left me before we met." This is his third puzzle for The Times, all Sundays. - W.S.

ACROSS

1 Band of supporters
5 Something absolutely necessary
10 "____ and Janis" (comic strip)
14 Oomph
17 Word from the French for "high wood"
18 Washed out
20 Dock
21 Something a winner may run into
22 *"It's tough finding the right person. My first boyfriend was a perfectly nice atheist, but he ... "*
24 Tour de France seasons
25 Side dish at a fish fry
26 Main component of Saturn's rings
27 Lena of "Enemies, a Love Story"
28 *"So then I dated a fun couch potato, but he ... "*
31 Nonstarters?
33 Toeing the line
34 Fútbol cheer
35 Italian wine region
36 "30 for 30" airer
39 The 1 in {1,2,3}: Abbr.
40 Lab vessel
42 Camphor, e.g.
45 One getting depressed during exams?
47 They're found near traps
48 *"Then my friend set me up with a recluse, but he ... "*
52 Comedian Mort
54 Classic Hawaiian folk song
55 Superman and others, for short
56 Book with a notable world premiere?
59 What middlemen do
60 Noisy beachgoer
62 Bun in a bamboo steamer
63 Internet encryption inits.
65 Binary
66 *"I dated my rock climbing instructor for a while, but he just ... "*
68 ____-Pacific
69 Not sparkling
71 Blast-furnace supply
72 Baloney
73 Bad signs for a bank robber
75 Academic journal with a Breakthrough of the Year award
77 U.K. track-star-turned-politician Sebastian
78 Mishmashes
79 Swindled
80 *"Then I had a fling with a Pittsburgh Penguin, but I knew he ... "*
83 Cuisine featuring som tam
86 Drill command
88 Feel another's pain
89 Cavalryman of old
91 Big ____ (Olympic snowboarding event)
92 Whimper
93 Starters, for short
97 Outback speedster
98 Keep rhythm, as a conductor might
101 Wisconsin town with a clothing namesake
104 *"I was in a serious relationship with a hippie, but he ... "*
106 Org. issuing vaccine standards starting in 2021
107 It may be part of a solution
108 Together, in music
109 Fading sea name
110 *"Finally, I started seeing a charming magician, and he ... "*
113 Pan, in part
114 Fun-size
115 Kind of thesis
116 Weekend warrior's woe
117 Happening offline, to a texter
118 Relaxation
119 Devotee of Haile Selassie, informally
120 Bit of kitchen waste

DOWN

1 Big name in pricey cigars
2 You can't say it doesn't count
3 Lizzie is one, in the "Cars" movies
4 Crossword solving option
5 Watchmaker since 2015
6 It lands on the White House's South Lawn
7 ____ Bator, Mongolia
8 On the ____
9 Fastened, in a way
10 Making change
11 Well past the freshness date, say
12 "My Fair Lady" composer
13 Actor/comedian who was a regular on Johnny Carson's "Tonight Show"
14 Meathead
15 Military uniform feature
16 Bluish-gray shades
19 Scintilla
21 "Shameful!"
23 Alley-____
29 Possessive types?
30 Way to go: Abbr.
32 "You're so wrong about that!"
37 Lead-in to Cat
38 Something that all but three U.S. presidents have had while in office
41 "Time out" in the N.B.A.
43 What makes the short list?
44 Total jerk
45 Boxing highlight
46 Apply to
48 Jokesters
49 Some native Alaskans
50 Tile work
51 Leadership position
53 Bit of a chuckle
56 Rubberneck
57 "A house divided against ____ cannot stand"
58 Rubylike gem
60 Richard of "Chicago"
61 Native people for whom a state is named
62 When doubled, a candy
64 Quick with a clapback
66 So-called "Father of Liberalism"
67 Conflict taking a couple of seconds?
70 Soccer star Messi, to fans
73 Capital of Fiji
74 "How ____ Your Mother"
76 Beloved site for the Irish ... and French
77 Journalist who was the first woman to guest-host "Jeopardy!"
78 Hard stuff that jiggles
80 "We'll be in touch!" often
81 Dr. of 112-Down
82 Counterpart of full, in a way
83 Wise guys?
84 One might be smoke-filled
85 Not surprisingly
87 Big name in hot dogs
90 Face on a penny, familiarly
92 Strong suit
94 Regulate
95 Cupid's love
96 Mideast currency unit
99 Features of some halls
100 Mucky substances
102 Twin sister of He-Man
103 What, in multiple senses, might get tipped
105 Take place?
106 Redding who wrote "Respect"
111 Crispr material
112 See 81-Down



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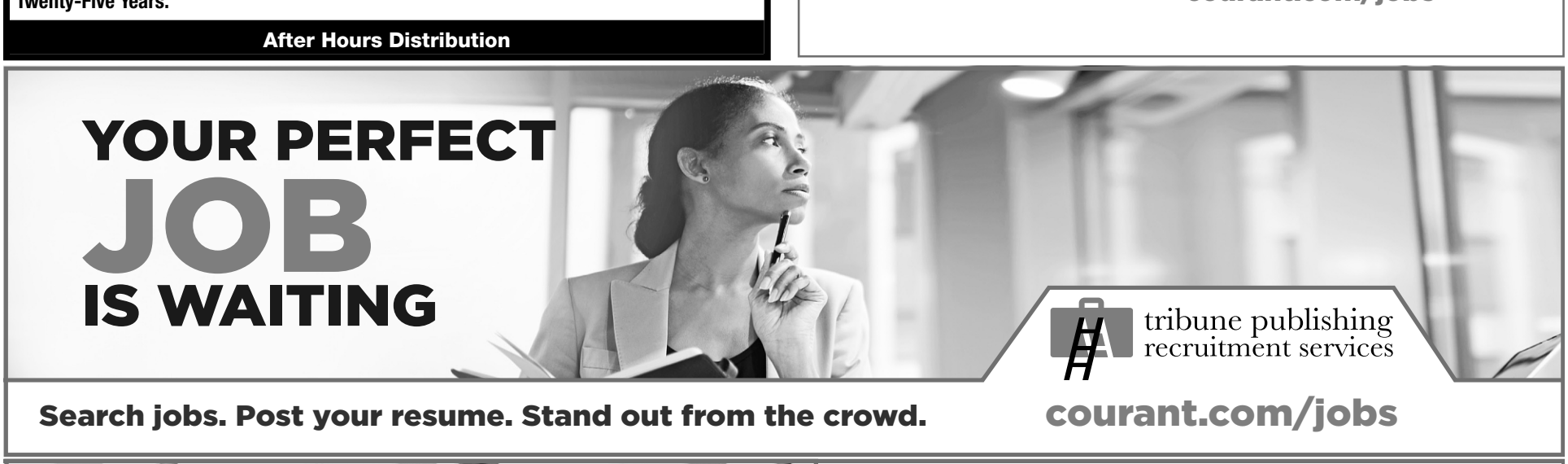

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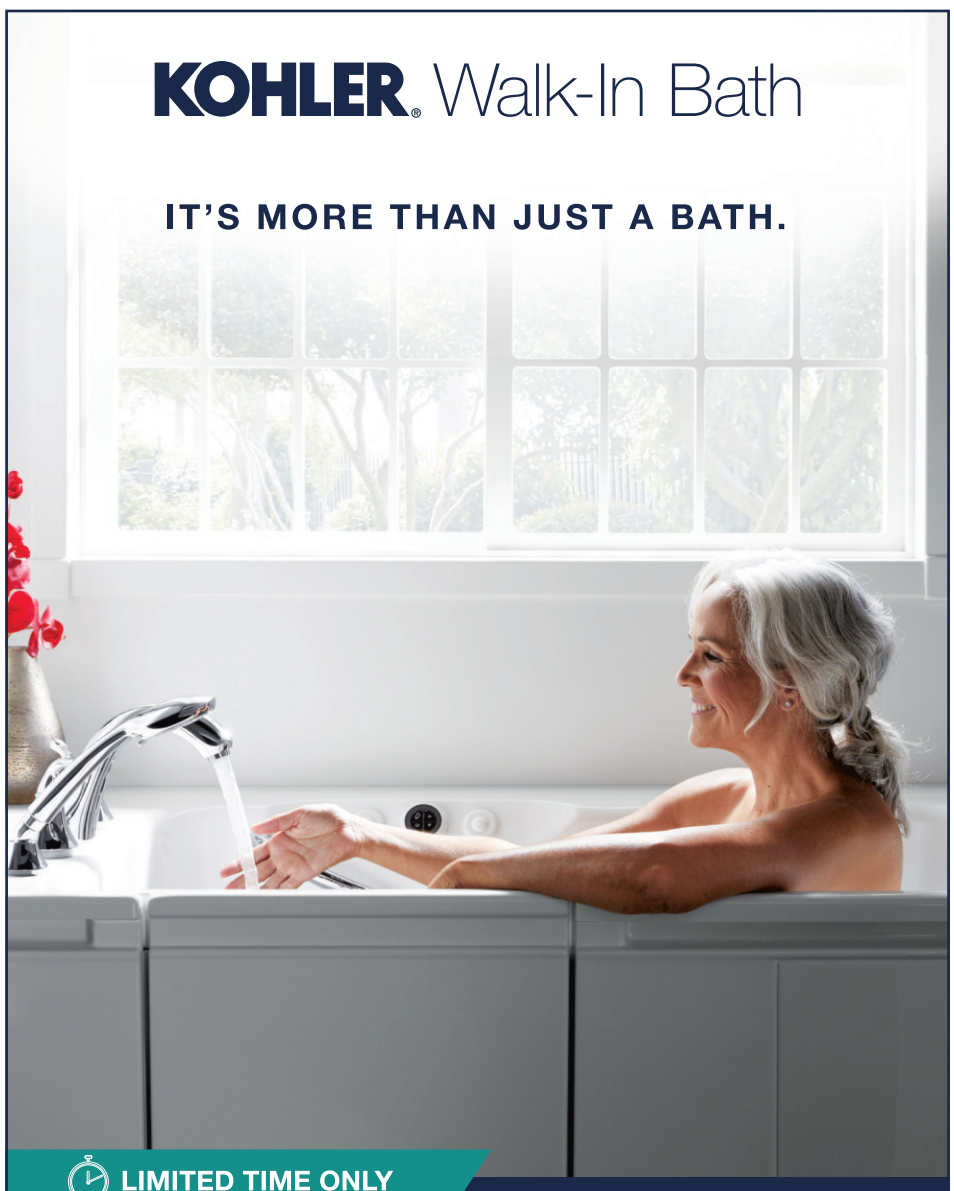

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Rainy day fund rises beyond max

Legislators scrambling for ways to share state's bounty with taxpayers: 'If we don't, shame on us'

By Keith M. Phaneuf
CT Mirror

Scanlon

After emptying its budget reserves to battle the Great Recession in 2009, it took Connecticut 10 years to save $2 billion.

It took just one year, until mid-2020, to turn $2 billion into slightly more than $3 billion, pushing the rainy day fund to its legal maximum.

Now Connecticut is just a few months away from amassing another $3 billion or more — in just one year.

And with rules tied to federal pandemic relief limiting state tax cuts this year, legislators are scrambling to find other options to share the state's bounty with taxpayers.

"If we don't, shame on us, then we failed this session" said state Rep. Sean Scanlon, D-Guilford, co-chairman of the tax-writing Finance Committee, who called the state's swollen coffers a "once-in-a-generation opportunity" to significantly reform the state's tax structure.

For months, minority Republicans have been urging immediate-yet-moderate tax relief, specifically lowering the sales tax from 6.35% to 5.99% and suspending the 1% surcharge on prepared meals for all of 2022.

Legislators from both parties and chambers unanimously voted to suspend the 25-cents-per-gallon retail gasoline tax through June 30 and also authorized free CT Transit buses and a second one-week sales tax holiday on clothing. Gov. Ned Lamont signed the bill Thursday.

But while Senate Minority Leader Kevin Kelly, R-Stratford, insists immediate relief remains the top priority, his caucus also has said that if tax receipts keep rising, lawmakers must be ready to pivot quickly and start thinking bigger.

Is the legislature at that point?

"I believe we are," Kelly said, adding that too many households' finances "are breaking while the

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Senate Minority Leader Kevin Kelly, R-Stratford, says too many households' finances "are breaking while the state budget is flush." **MARK MIRKO/ HARTFORD COURANT**

Enfield hit by schools probe

Subpoena comes amid feds' investigation into construction projects

By Andrew Brown
CT Mirror

Federal authorities subpoenaed the town of Enfield late last month as part of a widening investigation into school construction projects in Connecticut and the state's former deputy budget director, Kosta Diamantis.

The subpoena, which was issued on Feb. 22, ordered local officials in Enfield to turn over seven years of records related to school building projects and any communications the town had with Diamantis, who ran Connecticut's school grant program until October.

Enfield is not the first municipality to receive a summons from the federal grand jury, which is reviewing information regarding Diamantis and his relationship with construction projects.

At least four other towns and cities, including Hartford, Bristol, Groton and Tolland, also received subpoenas in the past month ordering them to turn over a vast number of documents and communications involving Diamantis and local school projects.

Diamantis, as the former director of the Office of School Construction Grants and Review, had significant control over school construction throughout the state and the billions of dollars in state funding that went to those projects.

Nobody has been charged as part of the federal investigation.

The subpoena issued to Enfield shows that federal prosecutors are particularly interested in the ongoing renovation and expansion work at the town's John F. Kennedy Middle School.

That $84 million project got its start in 2019 after state lawmakers and the Office of School Construction Grants and Review agreed to fund more than 70% of the costs for the construction.

Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Enfield's town manager, said local officials were advised by the town's attorney not to speak about the subpoena or the middle school project.

It's unclear why federal prosecutors focused on the ongoing middle school project in Enfield, which is set to be finished this summer.

In October, the federal grand jury subpoenaed Gov. Ned Lamont's administration and ordered the state to run keyword searches to find any emails, texts or other documents involving "John F. Kennedy" or "JFK."

Several of the contractors who were hired to oversee the renovations on the middle school were also named in that earlier subpoena, which was issued just before Diamantis was removed from his position overseeing the school grant program.

The federal prosecutors asked the state to turn over any docu-

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Hartt School turns 100, with celebrations, reflections that look forward to the next century

Omar Thomas was one of the composers at the Hartt School last week for a series of discussions and concerts. **HARTT SCHOOL/COURTESY**

ALL EYES ON THE FUTURE

By Christopher Arnott | Hartford Courant

The Hartt School at the University of Hartford celebrates its first century of existence this year. The campus has been bustling with a slew of celebratory talks and performances, but the discussions have been focused on the future more than on the school's illustrious past.

Hartt actually hit the century mark two years ago, but the celebration was muted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and some of the events were postponed until now. One major aspect of the "Hartt 100" celebration finally took place this month: a series of talks and concerts titled "Beyond the Performance: Diversity in Arts and Action."

In the past week, the Hartt has offered talks on "Designing Ecosystems for Transformation in Now Generation Work," "Examining the Intersections of Policy, Community, and the Arts," "How Can You Be an Artist and Not Reflect the Times: Theorizing Black Music and Performance" and "Intentional, Accessible, and Equitable Practices for Student Admission and Retention in Conservatories."

"We have to ask ourselves, 'What do we want to represent?' How do we make the great programs we have better and more representative?' "

— Hartford Associate Professor Marcus Thomas

There was also a roundtable discussion titled "Agency" with — Black composers Kevin Day, Valerie Coleman, Ryan Speedo-Green, Carlos Simon and Omar Thomas — that explored issues of racial equity, cultural appropriation and who can reliably tell whose stories. "Beyond the Performance" culminated this past weekend with a wind ensemble and symphony band concert and a Hartt Symphony performance.

All of the talks and most of the concerts have been archived as videos on the HarttTube channel on YouTube.

Glen Adsit, Hartt's director of bands as well as its director of instrumental studies, who organized the concerts and co-moderated the composers' roundtable, says the "Beyond the Performance" events were "meant to say 'We can perform these works — what will we do with them next?' The change in the last few years in programming, in all the arts, is that representation matters. A major concern is are we doing all pieces by dead white guys?"

Hartt has been a distinctive and progressive music school since its inception, Adsit says, because of its history of live performance and

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HARTFORD ARCHDIOCESE

Amid lawsuit, a rift widens

Archbishop, foundation in heated dispute over $16M scholarship fund

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

A dispute in the Hartford archdiocese that led to a lawsuit intensified this month with the chief plaintiff accusing Archbishop Leonard Blair of "a sinister move" and asking the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for help.

Blair did not comment Friday, but last month announced he was resigning from the Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools board because of what he called "senseless quarrels" that distracted the archdiocese from its mission.

But Brian Giantonio, president and chairman of the foundation that raises money for scholarships, contends the argumentativeness has come from Blair and his advisers.

The archbishop "absolutely has an axe to grind with the FACS officers," Giantonio wrote in a March 22 letter to the Conference of Bishops.

Worse yet, the archbishop appears to be trying to get control of about $16 million intended for Catholic school scholarships in Connecticut, Giantonio wrote.

Blair has "a desire to convert the FACS's millions of dollars earmarked for education to other uses," he wrote.

At issue is whether the all-volunteer foundation can continue operating as a nonprofit without the archbishop's support. If Blair succeeds in having the bishops remove it from the church's national registry of affiliated organizations, it would lose tax-exempt status.

The foundation raises money for annual scholarships for 500 to 1,000 students in Catholic schools across the archdiocese's more than 90 towns and cities. Giantonio and the board's executive committee argue that Blair is escalating a personal disagreement — and risking those scholarships by doing it.

After a lengthy battle for control of the foundation, Giantonio and the executive committee sued Blair in October, saying he was violating the organization's bylaws. The case is pending in Superior Court.

An attempt at mediation this winter failed, and Blair last month resigned from the foundation's board and moved to cut the church's ties with it. As part of that, he called on the U.S. Council of Bishops to delist it.

The executive committee is urging the council to rebuff Blair, categorizing his actions as "hostile" and "vindictive."

The archdiocese does not discuss pending litigation, and Blair is not taking questions. But in a Feb. 28 statement, Blair signaled that he wants to disasso-

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state budget is flush."

This year's surplus could exceed entire rainy day fund

The numbers back Scanlon and Kelly.

Lamont's budget office boosted its surplus projection to $1.77 billion, driven largely by an extra $200 million in sales, corporation and real estate conveyance tax receipts.

On top of that, the state expects to save another $970 million through the "volatility adjustment" — a savings program begun in 2017 that stops the state from spending a portion of receipts tied to capital gains, other investment earnings and quarterly business tax filings.

So Connecticut already is on pace for $2.74 billion in black ink — enough to cover 13% of the entire General Fund. And both administration officials and legislators have said they expect revenue projections to increase significantly on April 30, the last time they are tested before the regular legislative session closes on May 4.

Just a 2% increase in General Fund tax receipts next month would push the surplus to $3.1 billion, matching the entire rainy day fund.

Lamont has cautioned legislators to remember these numbers are buoyed by federal coronavirus relief aid. He and lawmakers used $560 million in relief funds to help support the current budget and $1.2 billion to back finances in 2022-23.

Without that federal aid, the preliminary budget for next fiscal year would be almost $940 million in deficit.

"The state will need to experience significant revenue growth ... to prevent a large budgetary gap in FY 2024 and beyond," Lamont's budget director, Jeffrey Beckham, wrote in his monthly budget forecast.

But that's not the whole story.

The $940 million hole the state might need to fill starting in the 2023-24 fiscal year doesn't include $680 million that Beckham's office and nonpartisan legislative analysts say the state will collect that same year through the volatility adjustment system.

And if history is a guide, when analysts boost revenue projections for the current year on April 30, they will do the same for the two or three fiscal years following that.

In other words, the steep "fiscal cliff" that state officials had once feared involving expiring federal pandemic relief has been smoothed down to a small hill, or maybe a speed bump.

And given that Connecticut still holds $3.1 billion in its rainy day fund, the problem is easily manageable.

But Lamont says there's a second problem. The U.S. Treasury says states accepting the federal pandemic relief cannot use it to fund tax cuts this fiscal year. The governor estimates that these restrictions won't permit total tax relief to exceed $200 million.

Tax-cutting ideas abound: Scanlon's proposal to give low- and middle-income households a new $600-per-child credit on the state income tax would shatter that limit.

So would the House Republican proposal to push another middle class income tax credit, which offsets local property tax costs, from $200 per household to $500. The GOP also wants to make the credit available once again to households without children — which lost it in 2018 — and to adjust state income tax brackets in future years to reflect inflation.

Lamont and top lawmakers also have laid claim to a significant portion of the window for tax cuts.

The governor's plan to boost the property tax credit from $200 to $300, and to restore eligibility for households without children, would cost an estimated $123 million per year.

And leaders of the House and Senate Democratic majorities already have vowed to increase the state income tax credit for the working poor, which would cost another $42 million.

But there are other creative ways to provide relief that don't run afoul of federal treasury rules.

Given the robust revenue projections, Scanlon says there's no reason some state tax relief can't be approved now and scheduled to begin after the federal pandemic relief has been exhausted.

Tax cuts sometimes take a different path

State Rep. Holly Cheeseman of East Lyme, ranking House Republican on the Finance Committee, said legislators have a great opportunity to help businesses and preserve jobs by paying off nearly $460 million in debt still outstanding against the state's unemployment insurance trust.

The UI trust ran up considerable debt during the pandemic as claims for jobless benefits skyrocketed. The state applied $155 million last year toward that debt, but businesses will be taxed, starting in November, to cover the $456 million remaining.

"Businesses are already struggling with higher energy costs, higher rental costs and higher wages," she said, adding that many lost revenue over the past two years not because of mistakes but because government forced them to close for public health reasons.

Cheeseman also noted that the state government made no move to help businesses replenish the unemployment trust following the last recession, and Connecticut still hasn't regained all of the jobs lost in 2008 and 2009.

Lamont wants to freeze municipal taxes on motor vehicles, but he also doesn't want town governments to lose revenue. He's proposed lowering an existing car tax cap from 45 mills to 29 mills (one mill equals $1 in tax per $1,000 of assessed value).

The governor would send $160 million extra to communities to offset what they'd be unable to collect. This technically is not a cut in state taxes but an expenditure as far as the state budget is concerned.

Dedicate a portion of state's bounty for child development, Fonfara says: State Sen. John Fonfara, D-Hartford, the other co-chair of the Finance Committee, unveiled a new proposal recently that he insists would be as effective as a tax cut or more so at fueling Connecticut's economy over the long haul.

With state government surpluses growing at an exponential pace, Fonfara wants to dedicate a portion of those fiscal cushions to the developmental and health-related needs of infants and toddlers, particularly those in poorer communities.

Fonfara, who championed the volatility adjustment program, would leave that as is.

But he would redefine a second, smaller savings program also begun in 2017 that's become known as the "revenue cap." Designed to stop legislators from creating budgets with no room for error, the revenue cap says appropriations cannot exceed 99% of projected revenues this fiscal year. That's a built-in cushion of $275 million.

The volatility adjustment has never allowed the state to save less than $500 million since its creation, and this year likely will build a cushion that tops $1 billion.

Fonfara would reassign those revenue cap dollars for an early childhood intervention and development system that advocates say is badly at risk of financial collapse.

Only 11% of Connecticut's parents can pay for early child care and development without sacrificing basic household necessities, and many sections of the state are "child care deserts" with no program slots available, said Liz Fraser, policy director for the Connecticut Association for Human Services.

"This is the biggest crisis it has really ever faced," she said, adding that low wages are driving staff from the field.

Fonfara said he's grateful legislators have embraced greater efforts to build budget reserves since 2017. And given the state's massive pension debt, and that most budget surplus dollars will be used to pay that down, aggressive savings efforts should continue.

But if state officials say a portion of the state's swelling coffers necessitate investments in households and businesses in a tough economy, Fonfara added, what investment would pay higher dividends than one that helps children enter school ready to learn?

"When we have another recession, we will look back and say, 'Why didn't we?' " Fonfara said. "Let's say, 'Why don't we,' right now."

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ciate the foundation from the Hartford archdiocese.

"FACS's lawsuit personally naming me and my fellow dedicated clergy, seeking to argue about who gets to serve on the FACS board, obviously pales in comparison to our duty to nurture and grow Catholic education," Blair wrote.

Then-Archbishop John Whelan established FACS nearly 40 years ago to raise money to support students seeking Catholic school educations in Hartford, New Haven and Litchfield counties.

Giantonio has served on its board for more than 20 years, the last eight as leader. It currently has an endowment of about $15 million to $17 million, and awards between $500,000 and $1 million in scholarships each year.

The founders developed bylaws to keep the organization independent from direct control by the archdiocese, but several years ago Blair appeared to want more authority over FACS and its money, Giantonio said.

"FACS's relationship with Archbishop Blair began to sour in 2016 when he formed the Hartford Bishops Foundation and threatened, though a proxy, to crush FACS," Giantonio told the bishops in his letter.

"Archbishop Blair took a number of actions designed to give him unfettered control over FACS, including the $15 million it currently holds for the purpose of providing scholarships for Catholic education," Giantonio wrote.

Trying to end FACS's tax-exempt status would ultimately hurt the children who get scholarships — and the Catholic schools that they attend, Giantonio said.

The committee is prepared to seek independent tax-exempt status if the bishops go along with Blair's request, he said. But he's hoping the bishops will side with FACS.

"How do you ever come to a decision that to get at us, you'd do something that would hurt your children?" Giantonio asked. "I can tell you, I never thought in my wildest dreams I'd be writing to the U.S Council of Bishops."

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

The Patricelli Family Fund is affiliated with the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, but the Robert and Margaret Patricelli Family Foundation is not. A story on **Page B1** of Saturday's Courant suggested both funds were associated with the Hartford Foundation.

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EMCOR Group Inc	EME	104.64	135.98	**115.52**	**-4.10**	-3.4	▼	▼	-9.3	8.4		13.8	20	0.3
Energy Transfer L.P.	ET	7.37	11.55	**10.57**	**0.78**	8.0	▲	▲	28.4	42.6		-4.0	8	6.6
Ethan Allen	ETD	22.02	32.15	**26.62**	**-0.13**	-0.5	▲	▲	1.3	9.4		2.3	8	4.4
Eversource Energy	ES	78.44	92.66	**86.66**	**3.23**	3.9	▲	▼	-4.7	2.6		9.8	25	2.9
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	52.10	91.51	**85.20**	**6.53**	8.3	▲	▲	39.2	54.2		4.3	16	4.1
Ford Motor	F	11.14	25.87	**16.47**	**-0.39**	-2.3	▼	▼	-20.7	40.3		10.3	4	2.4
Freeport McMoRan	FCX	29.45	51.94	**51.93**	**3.85**	8.0	▲	▲	24.4	64.0		32.5	18	0.6
FuelCell Energy	FCEL	3.40	15.59	**6.22**	**-0.49**	-7.3	▲	▼	19.6	-47.0		-16.4	...	...
Gen Dynamics	GD	173.52	254.99	**244.36**	**14.13**	6.1	▲	▲	17.2	39.3		6.9	21	1.9
Gen Electric	GE	85.29	116.17	**94.02**	**-1.57**	-1.6	▼	▬	-0.5	-5.6		-14.8	...	0.3
Hartford Fn Sv	HIG	59.86	78.17	**72.71**	**1.86**	2.6	▲	▲	5.3	9.0		10.4	11	2.1
Honeywell Intl	HON	174.42	236.86	**197.79**	**3.07**	1.6	▲	▼	-5.1	-6.5		12.1	25	2.0
Horizon Tech Fin	HRZN	13.21	19.08	**13.99**	**0.17**	1.2	▼	▼	-12.1	9.0		13.1	10	8.6
Infosys Ltd	INFY	17.24	26.39	**24.73**	**-0.31**	-1.2	▲	▬	-2.3	34.4		27.4	38	...
Inovio Pharmaceut	INO	2.76	10.41	**3.63**	**-0.13**	-3.5	▲	▼	-27.3	-58.1		-9.1	...	...
Intel Corp	INTC	43.63	68.49	**51.83**	**4.38**	9.2	▲	▲	0.6	-14.5		10.5	10	2.8

COMPANY	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LOW	52-WK RANGE HIGH	FRIDAY CLOSE	$CHG 1WK	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%CHG 1QTR	%CHG YTD	%RTN 1YR	RANK %RTN 1YR	%RTN 5YRS*	PE	YLD
Intelsat SA	I			**.38**	**0.00**	0.0	▬	▬	0.0	...		0.0	...	...
Kaman	KAMN	33.93	57.36	**45.31**	**1.63**	3.7	▲	▲	5.0	-9.3		0.6	29	1.8
Lincoln Natl Corp	LNC	56.41	77.57	**67.77**	**1.72**	2.6	▼	▼	-0.7	15.8		2.9	9	2.7
MGM Resorts Intl	MGM	35.57	51.17	**42.20**	**0.03**	0.1	▼	▼	-6.0	14.3		11.2	34	...
Meta Platforms Inc	FB	185.82	384.33	**221.82**	**5.33**	2.5	▲	▼	-34.1	-22.2		9.4	16	...
MetLife Inc	MET	55.21	72.55	**71.29**	**2.84**	4.1	▲	▲	14.1	23.2		11.3	10	2.7
Micron Tech	MU	65.67	98.45	**78.10**	**-1.31**	-1.6	▼	▼	-16.2	-5.5		22.5	15	0.5
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	230.14	349.67	**303.68**	**3.25**	1.1	▲	▼	-9.7	30.2		37.0	34	0.8
Novartis AG	NVS	79.09	95.17	**86.86**	**0.07**	0.1	▼	▲	-0.7	4.6		9.3	8	3.5
Nvidia Corporation	NVDA	122.72	346.47	**276.92**	**12.39**	4.7	▲	▼	-5.8	122.8		60.1	72	...
Otis Worldwide Corp	OTIS	65.64	92.84	**77.24**	**-0.74**	-0.9	▼	▼	-11.3	16.7		0.0	27	1.2
Peoples Utd Fncl	PBCT	15.18	21.98	**21.63**	**0.55**	2.6	▲	▲	21.4	26.7		6.5	31	3.4
Pfizer Inc	PFE	35.25	61.71	**52.78**	**-1.73**	-3.2	▲	▼	-10.6	52.1		13.2	15	3.0
Pitney Bowes	PBI	4.37	10.06	**5.16**	**-0.19**	-3.6	▲	▼	-22.2	-31.2		-10.7	...	3.9
Prudential Fncl	PRU	87.84	124.22	**120.86**	**5.63**	4.9	▲	▲	11.7	39.4		5.7	6	4.0
Pub Svc Ent Gp	PEG	57.32	68.37	**68.31**	**1.51**	2.3	▲	▲	2.4	18.6		11.3	23	3.2
Raytheon Technolog	RTX	74.63	104.34	**102.43**	**4.91**	5.0	▲	▲	19.0	37.3		10.2	47	2.0
Rogers Corp	ROG	172.84	274.17	**271.94**	**-1.29**	-0.5	▼	▼	-0.4	52.7		26.7	47	...
SS&C Technlogies	SSNC	65.70	84.85	**77.03**	**-1.88**	-2.4	▲	▼	-6.0	15.2		17.3	50	0.8
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	SIRI	5.75	7.29	**6.56**	**0.23**	3.6	▲	▲	3.3	11.7		6.6	>99	1.3
Snap Inc A	SNAP	24.32	83.34	**35.40**	**-0.60**	-1.7	▼	▼	-24.7	-26.7		10.3	...	...
Stanley Black & Deck	SWK	138.34	225.00	**138.32**	**-12.88**	-8.5	▼	▼	-26.7	-27.0		3.1	14	2.3
Taiwan Semicon	TSM	97.62	145.00	**106.73**	**0.01**	0.0	▼	▼	-11.3	.8		28.9	13	1.5
Terex Corp	TEX	35.04	55.60	**37.75**	**-1.60**	-4.1	▼	▼	-14.1	-11.5		5.7	15	1.4
Tesla Inc	TSLA	546.98	1243.49	**1010.64**	**105.25**	11.6	▲	▼	-4.4	60.9		80.7	>99	...
Travelers Cos	TRV	144.44	184.40	**187.75**	**7.44**	4.1	▲	▲	20.0	25.8		10.7	13	1.9
Uber Technologies	UBER	28.28	61.50	**34.06**	**0.70**	2.1	▼	▼	-18.8	-34.0		0.0	...	...
Unitedhealth Group	UNH	360.11	515.78	**513.03**	**6.91**	1.4	▲	▲	2.2	40.1		26.5	32	1.1
Virtus Invest	VRTS	203.76	338.80	**244.53**	**6.02**	2.5	▼	▼	-17.7	4.7		20.4	16	2.5
Voya Financial	VOYA	58.97	74.97	**67.41**	**0.86**	1.3	▼	▼	1.7	9.1		12.8	4	1.2
Webster Financial	WBS	45.60	65.00	**59.68**	**1.96**	3.4	▼	▲	6.9	7.7		5.5	15	2.7
White Mtns Insur	WTM	978.51	1243.00	**1081.64**	**35.35**	3.4	▲	▲	6.7	-8.0		4.1	19	0.1
World Wrestling Ent	WWE	46.81	70.72	**61.06**	**1.31**	2.2	▲	▲	23.8	9.4		23.8	39	0.8
XPO Logistics Inc	XPO	59.22	90.78	**77.01**	**0.27**	0.4	▲	▲	-0.5	12.4		23.2	30	...
Xerox Holdings Corp	XRX	17.51	26.96	**20.73**	**0.62**	3.1	▲	▼	-8.4	-9.9		-2.8	14	4.8
Yamana Gold Inc	AUY	3.70	5.79	**5.67**	**0.30**	5.6	▲	▲	34.4	28.3		14.8	34	2.1

Notes on data: Total returns, shown for periods 1-year or greater, include dividend income and change in market price. Three-year and five-year returns annualized. Three year return shown for stocks trading less than five years (indicated by "a"). Ellipses indicate data not available. Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters. Rank classifies a stock's performance relative to all U.S.-listed shares, from top 20 percent (▮▯▯▯▯) to bottom 20 percent (▮▯▯▯▯).

INTEREST RATES

Money market mutual funds	YIELD	MIN INVEST	PHONE
Taxable—national avg	0.04		
Allspring MMF/Premier	0.32	$10 mil.	(888) 222-8222
Tax-exempt—national avg	0.09		
Fed/Hermes Muni Oblig Fund/Wealth	0.28	500K	(800) 341-7400

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG	WK AGO		NAT'L AVG	WK AGO
48 month new car loan	3.82	3.58	Money market account	0.07	0.07
60 month new car loan	3.99	3.68	1 year CD	0.32	0.32
$30K Home equity loan	6.63	6.62	3 year CD	0.40	0.40
30 year fixed mortgage	4.56	4.55	5 year CD	0.50	0.49
15 year fixed mortgage	3.88	3.78	Savings interest	0.33	0.32

TREASURYS	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	CHANGE 1MO	CHANGE 3MO	CHANGE 1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW
3-month T-Bill	0.54	0.12	▲	▲	0.52	0.56	0.01
6-month T-Bill	1.00	0.19	▲	▲	0.96	1.00	0.02
52-week T-Bill	1.66	0.44	▲	▲	1.59	1.66	0.04
2-year T-Note	2.30	0.33	▲	▲	2.16	2.30	0.13
5-year T-Note	2.55	0.41	▲	▲	1.73	2.55	0.65
7-year T-Note	2.56	0.39	▲	▲	1.27	2.56	0.95
10-year T-Note	2.49	0.35	▲	▲	0.88	2.49	1.17
30-year T-Bond	2.60	0.18	▲	▲	0.27	2.60	1.67

Money fund data provided by iMoneyNet Inc.

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	COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	$CHG 1WK	PCT CHANGE 1WK	PCT CHANGE 1MO	PCT CHANGE 1YR
1.	Chevron Corp	CVX	169.31	7.58	4.7	20.6	**68.0**
2.	Apple Inc	AAPL	174.72	10.74	6.5	6.0	**39.6**
3.	Unitedhealth Group	UNH	513.03	6.91	1.4	7.8	**38.1**
4.	Amer Express	AXP	190.28	-0.44	-0.2	-1.8	**38.0**
5.	Microsoft Corp	MSFT	303.68	3.25	1.1	2.1	**27.1**
6.	Travelers Cos	TRV	187.75	7.44	4.1	8.3	**26.0**
7.	CocaCola Co	KO	61.53	1.43	2.4	-2.1	**20.8**
8.	Procter & Gamble	PG	152.83	2.68	1.8	-3.4	**16.4**
9.	Merck & Co	MRK	81.34	2.23	2.8	6.6	**13.3**
10.	Cisco Syst	CSCO	54.97	-1.00	-1.8	-1.9	**11.9**
11.	Home Depot	HD	310.68	-30.06	-8.8	-1.9	**11.7**
12.	Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	176.92	2.08	1.2	6.6	**11.4**
13.	Dow Inc	DOW	64.70	2.31	3.7	8.5	**8.8**
14.	IBM	IBM	131.35	2.59	2.0	5.8	**8.2**
15.	McDonalds Corp	MCD	241.58	2.66	1.1	-2.6	**7.6**
16.	WalMart Strs	WMT	143.45	-1.99	-1.4	5.2	**7.6**
	Dow Jones industrial average		34861.24	+106.31	+0.3	+2.4	**+5.4**
17.	Visa Inc	V	218.43	-0.68	-0.3	-0.4	**3.8**
18.	Caterpillar Inc	CAT	223.36	2.45	1.1	19.4	**3.8**
19.	Goldman Sachs Grp	GS	337.49	-7.89	-2.3	-3.6	**3.3**
20.	Amgen	AMGN	238.79	2.54	1.1	5.2	**-1.5**
21.	Salesforce.com Inc	CRM	211.03	-7.77	-3.6	1.4	**-1.8**
22.	Nike Inc B	NKE	133.70	2.46	1.9	-3.7	**-2.2**
23.	JPMorgan Chase	JPM	141.92	1.82	1.3	-4.1	**-3.9**
24.	Honeywell Intl	HON	197.79	3.07	1.6	4.9	**-6.0**
25.	Verizon Comm	VZ	51.28	0.48	0.9	-5.2	**-6.0**
26.	Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	47.12	-0.24	-0.5	2.0	**-6.5**
27.	3M Company	MMM	150.46	2.14	1.4	0.0	**-18.4**
28.	Intel Corp	INTC	51.83	4.38	9.2	8.6	**-21.7**
29.	Boeing Co	BA	188.95	-3.88	-2.0	-6.2	**-22.9**
30.	Disney	DIS	139.14	-1.16	-0.8	-6.9	**-27.1**

30 BIGGEST FU NDS

FUND	ASSETS (in billions)	TICKER	PCT RETURN 1WK	PCT RETURN 1MO	PCT RETURN 1YR	RANK 5YRS*
Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	**$416**	VFIAX	1.8	3.7	17.8	16.2
Vanguard Total Stock Instl	**313**	VTSAX	1.5	3.3	13.7	15.6
Vanguard Total Intl Stock Idx	**177**	VGTSX	-0.2	-1.4	-0.8	6.7
Vanguard Instl Index Plus	**162**	VIIIX	1.8	3.7	17.8	16.2
American Growth Fd of America	**125**	AGTHX	1.1	2.9	5.4	16.5
Vanguard Instutional Index	**115**	VINIX	1.8	3.7	17.8	16.2
Fidelity Contrafund	**110**	FCNTX	1.7	3.9	12.8	18.2
American Balanced	**101**	ABALX	0.4	1.2	8.3	9.8
Dodge & Cox Stock	**97**	DODGX	1.6	3.5	18.0	14.1
American Income Fd of America	**82**	AMECX	1.0	1.2	10.3	8.6
American Washington Mutual	**75**	AWSHX	1.6	4.3	18.1	14.1
American Investment Co. Amer	**74**	AIVSX	1.6	3.0	13.1	12.7
American Capital Income Bldr	**66**	CAIBX	0.9	0.1	8.2	6.8
American Fundamental Investor	**64**	ANCFX	0.9	2.2	10.5	13.2
American New Perspective	**59**	ANWPX	0.7	1.6	4.7	15.2
American CapWorld Growth/Inc	**56**	CWGIX	0.5	-0.3	3.0	9.9
PIMCO Total Return Instl	**53**	PTTRX	-1.8	-3.5	-5.1	2.3
Vanguard Windsor II Admiral	**45**	VWNAX	1.2	1.6	13.9	13.8
Fidelity Blue Chip Growth	**44**	FBGRX	1.7	3.3	6.9	23.8
Dodge & Cox International Stock	**43**	DODFX	0.9	-0.3	3.9	5.4
Fidelity Growth Company	**43**	FDGRX	1.8	3.8	8.9	24.7
American AMCAP	**38**	AMCPX	-0.5	0.5	4.7	13.5
Fidelity Balanced	**36**	FBALX	0.5	1.3	8.6	12.8
FrankTemp Income	**35**	FKINX	0.8	1.6	11.7	7.4
American SmallCap World	**32**	SMCWX	-1.7	-2.3	-9.1	12.1
American Bond Fund of America	**29**	ABNDX	-1.5	-2.6	-4.5	2.5
Fidelity Puritan	**27**	FPURX	1.3	2.3	9.5	12.4
Fidelity Magellan	**26**	FMAGX	0.7	2.7	13.7	16.4
Fidelity Low-Priced Stock	**26**	FLPSX	0.8	2.3	9.6	12.1
American EuropePacific Growth	**23**	AEPGX	-0.7	-2.7	-8.9	7.5

* – annualized. NA - not available.

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SUNDAY CT

Hebron woman arrested, animals seized

Staff report

A 59-year-old woman who owns and operates CT Pregnant Dog and Cat Rescue, a licensed animal importer, was arrested on animal cruelty charges following an investigation by the Hebron Animal Control Office, Hebron and state police, and a state agency.

Joann Connelly, of Porter Road, was arrested Friday, state police said in a statement.

State police said complaints began in February 2021 and continued about animals under Connelly's care, including allegations of neglect. However, there was a locked gate at the end of the driveway and "numerous attempts" made to access the home for observation were unsuccessful, state police said in a statement. While there were "many anonymous complaints received by State Animal Control there was no substantive evidence to apply for a search and seizure warrant," state police said in the statement.

Then on Wednesday, a Department of Children and Families investigator requested assistance after receiving information that "the owner had moved and a large number of animals had been left behind," according to state police.

"During the site visit, accompanied by the Hebron resident trooper, Hebron Animal Control officer and a State Animal Control officer, the conditions in the home were found to be deplorable and unsanitary and an overwhelming odor of urine and feces could be smelled from outside of the residence," state police said in the statement. "Officers observed numerous dogs in cages crammed throughout the house to include the basement.

"The floors throughout the home were covered in urine and feces. Birds and cats were also in the home and a pony, goats and geese were outside of the home in poor conditions," the state police statement said.

An earlier inspection in February 2020 had "revealed only five dogs who appeared to be in good order," according to state police.

Connelly was arrested Friday on a warrant on three counts of cruelty to animals and held in lieu of $10,000 court set bail, according to state police. Connelly is scheduled to appear in court at Superior Court in Rockville on Monday, state police said.

"All of the animals were all seized and are receiving veterinary care," state police said in the statement.

"The incoming transport of animals scheduled for today is being managed and the animals have predetermined adoptive homes," the statement said. "State Animal Control will be tracking and ensuring these animals are going to homes with proper care."

Hartt

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relating to audiences.

"The grounding of the Hartt School was always performers, musicians. Performance is in our DNA. It's what we do. You come to the Hartt school to perform. This is part of the daily service of us as professors. Performers need to be aware of social issues, race, LGBTQ issues. It comes out in the playing — the pieces they play, the collaborations they form."

Hartford Associate Professor Marcus Thomas, the chair of the school's department of Music and Performing Arts Management, notes that "the composers here now would've been here in 2019 as originally planned, but that the discussion might be even stronger this year than it would have been then."

"During the past two years, especially after the murder of George Floyd, there was a reckoning. We have to ask ourselves, 'What do we want to represent?' How do we make the great programs we have better and more representative?" he said.

Thomas calls Hartt "a very unique and embedded place within Connecticut. Alumni have gone on to do major things. Our programs are internationally known. Some come back and are on our faculty or staff. We're a generational school. There are kids here whose parents attended. We're a small school, more like a family. We have a good relationship with the surrounding community. Our faculty members play with local music groups and arts organizations."

A ballerina from the University of Hartford's Hartt School Community Division shows various stretches to children in West Hartford. "We have a good relationship with the surrounding community," says Marcus Thomas, the chair of the Hartt School's department of music and performing arts management. **MICHAEL WALSH/COURANT COMMUNITY**

The Hartt School predates the University of Hartford by nearly 40 years.

It was founded as a music school by Julius Hartt, a local musician and teacher who'd played organ for Asylum Hill Congregational Church and one of his prize students, Moshe Paranov (aka Morris Perlmutter), who'd gained an international reputation as a concert pianist and taught at Kingswood School. The school started in Hartt's home on Sigourney Street, then moved to Collins Street and became the Hartt School of Music. The school, renamed the Julius Hartt Musical Foundation for a while following its founders death in 1936, was on Broad Street from 1938 until the early 1960s until its building was demolished to make way for I-84.

In 1957 the University of Hartford was formed by combining the resources of the Hartt School of Music, the Hartford School of Art (founded in 1877 as the Hartford School of Decorative Arts) and Hillyer College and its Ward School of Electronics. What was originally a music program, indeed the first in Connecticut to offer a bachelor of music degree, grew in the second half of the 20th century to offer degrees in music, theater and dance as well as academic programs in music history, music theory, ballet pedagogy, music education, composition.

"We're coming into this time of innovative and progressive thought," Thomas said. "It's not just us — it's all schools. This is a current that's happening now. It's not about a single event or discussion. It's an opportunity to reflect and reinvent that happens to coincide with a big anniversary. The Hartt 100 is a celebration of our past, but it's also looking forward. What will we do for the *next* hundred years?"

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Enfield

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ments or communications involving Gilbane Building Company and Construction Solutions Group.

Both of those firms were hired in 2019 to oversee the work on the middle school in Enfield.

Gilbane, which is headquartered in Rhode Island, was selected by Enfield's school building committee as the construction manager for the project, and Construction Solutions Group, which is based in East Hartford, was hired as the owner's representative, which is also known as the construction administrator.

It's unclear how much money the two companies were paid for that work. Officials with Gilbane and Construction Solutions Group did not respond to a request for comment for this story.

The subpoena that was issued to the state last fall, however, indicates that federal prosecutors were interested in any communication that took place between Diamantis and two of the top executives with Construction Solutions Group.

The grand jury ordered the state to prioritize a keyword search for "Giuliano" and "Cykley."

Those are the last names of Construction Solutions Group's president, James Giuliano, and its vice president, Christopher Cykley.

Meeting minutes from Enfield show Cykley participated in the town's school building committee meetings and testified about the project in front of the town council.

Cykley and Giuliano did not respond to a request for comment for this story.

Andrew Brown is a reporter for The Connecticut Mirror.

Left to Right:
Top Row: Kelly Travers, Samantha Cohen, Marisa Wright, Laura Kaflik, John Cassidy
Bottom Row: Janely Ortiz, Mary Lou Stoneburner, Betsy Foster
(missing from photo: Diana LeClaire, Sue Massa, Rhonda Masnato, Mike Eruzione)

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The Fed tries to fight inflation

As expected, the Federal Reserve raised short-term interest rates from the emergency levels that have been in place for two years to a range of .25 to .5%.

It was the first increase in the federal funds rate since December 2018, which was then the conclusion of a three-year cycle that included nine quarter-point increases and pushed up rates to a range of 2.25 to 2.5%. The Fed's accompanying statement to the December 2018 meeting noted that economic activity and job gains were both "strong."

The big difference between the last Fed campaign and this one is inflation. Then, the central bank was trying to slow down the economy a bit (GDP expanded by 2.9% in 2018), but wanted overall prices to rise a little more, not less, so that workers could continue to see wage gains. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for December 2018 showed annual inflation growing by 1.9% from the prior year, which seems positively dreamy these days.

This time around, the central bank is chasing inflation, which stands at a four-decade high of 7.9%, and carefully watching the Russian war in Ukraine, which has caused a further escalation of energy prices. Central bankers know that as gas prices reach all-time nominal highs, many will be forced to make choices about their limited resources and could pull back on spending, which would in turn slow down economic growth.

Remember that the Fed has two main objectives: to make sure that the economy is strong enough to create jobs and to keep inflation in check. That's a delicate balancing act in the best of times — in the post-COVID/Ukraine war era of surging prices and clogged supply chains, it's even more difficult. The Fed must thread the policy needle of cooling down hot prices without inducing a recession by lifting rates too quickly. They probably wish that they started the rate hike cycle months ago to quell inflation, but we are where we are and there's no going back in time.

There could also be a darker side to the shifts in consumer reactions to price spikes. Analysts say that inflationary fears can trigger hoarding and demand for higher wages, which can create an inflationary spiral. Even if we don't start hoarding, higher prices could at least impact the economic growth that was expected for 2022 and at worst might trigger a full-blown recession.

The impact on your life

Beyond the broader economic risks, the Fed's actions could help savers earn a little more interest on savings, checking, CDs and money market accounts. Loans for things like credit cards, autos, adjustable-rate mortgages and small businesses could cost more.

While the Fed does not directly control the longer-term bonds that impact fixed mortgage rates, those too have started to rise, which could make buying a home more expensive and might also cool down the hot housing market.

Some of you have asked about rising gas prices, which I know is difficult for many Americans to absorb.

The easy answer is to drive less, but that's not an option for people who need to get to their jobs and don't have public transportation options. If you need to continue driving, consider paying cash, which can save about $0.10 per gallon; stick to regular gas if your car or truck allows — no need to pay up for premium; and ease up on the gas pedal: Speeding and aggressive driving burn gas faster. If you are using apps to find cheaper prices, don't go crazy — you spend your cost savings by traveling to the cheaper alternative.

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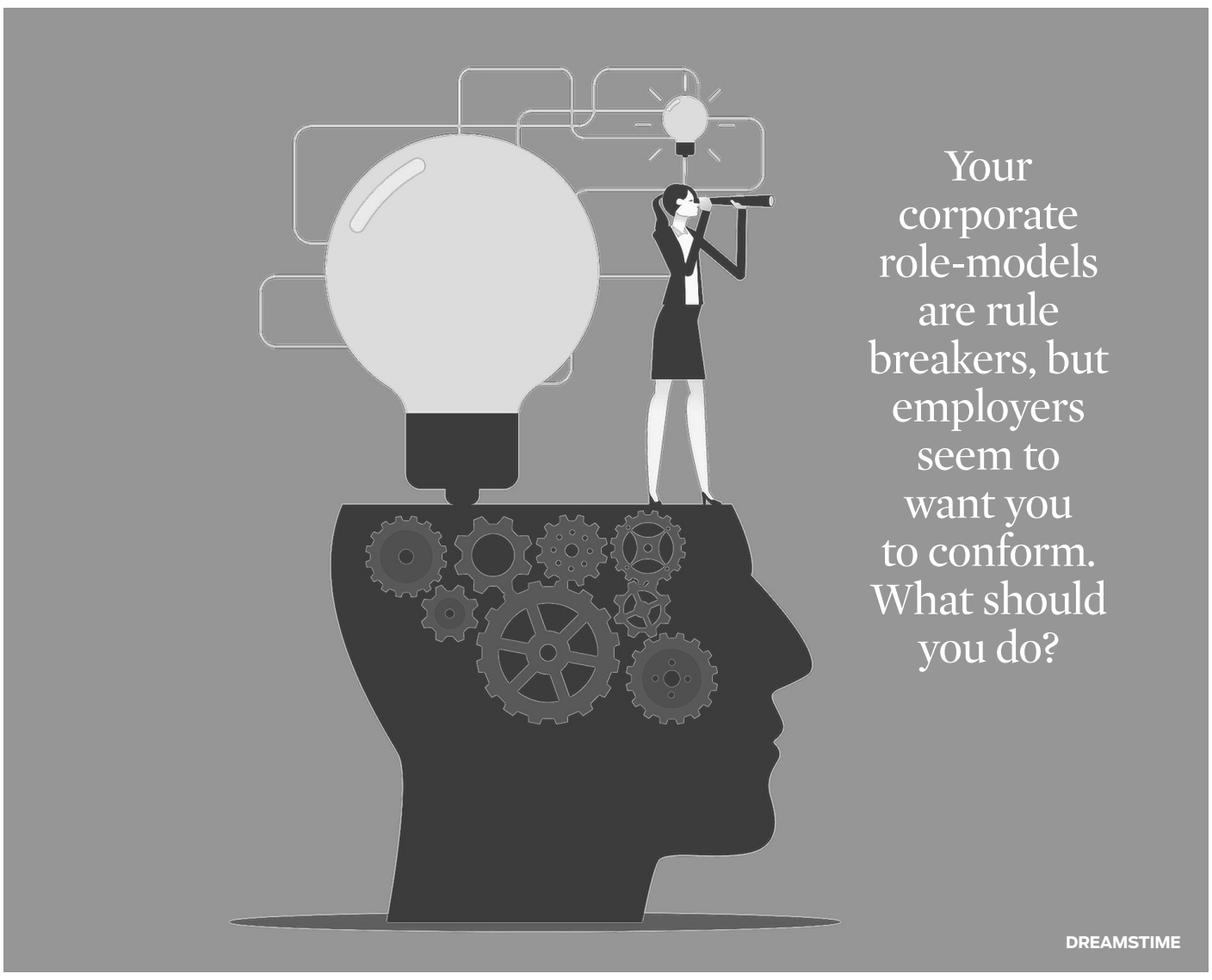

FIND SUCCESS AS A workplace rebel

By Andrew Binns | Fast Company

Corporate life is known for its love of conformity. Everything gets turned into a rule. How much you can spend. What size office an employee of a certain grade is entitled to have. What computer you can use. Many of these regulations keep employees safe and the company out of court. However, the love of conformity bleeds into how we are expected to behave. We are asked to obey rules and do what we are told. Be a good corporate citizen, and we will get ahead.

The trouble is that when we look at the most celebrated managers in the world, we see a different picture. Leaders like Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos are not rule followers — they bend the world to their will. They are workplace rebels. Musk has turned the rules of the automobile industry on its head. It's almost impossible to count how many companies have suffered in competition with Amazon.

If you are building your career, this presents a problem. Employers want you to conform, but your role-models are rule breakers. What should you do? Play it safe or get ahead as a workplace rebel? Nobody wants an employee who is reckless or unethical. Musk's dislike of rules has not always worked out for him, as he continues to battle the consequences of ill-considered Tweets. However, my research suggests that there is a path for rebels who push the rules. The secret is how you do it.

CEOs like Jim Peck at market research firm NielsenIQ show what can be achieved. Peck got his start by persuading managers at his former firm LexisNexis to back him in a bid to create one of the world's first "big data" analytics firms. This was a bold step, well outside Peck's day-to-day responsibilities. But, having seen the opportunity, he couldn't let it go. The business has become a multi-billion-dollar revenue firm. Peck was its first CEO and has gone on to lead two other firms since. He is not alone. There are rebels like Peck pushing the boundaries of established firms all over the world.

At European insurance company UNIQA, Krisztian Kurtisz proposed a radical new business model that his CEO said would put a "nuclear bomb" under the insurance industry. At the time, Kurtisz was a middle manager responsible for the company's Hungarian business. He got his funding and is now rolling out his new business across central and eastern Europe.

What can we learn from these rebels? Six lessons stand out for anyone who wants to be a successful workplace rebel.

Get your energy from solving a problem for your customers

Corporations, like all large organizations, get comfortable. They know how to get things done. When things go wrong, it is usually easy to find out why and fix it. They are confident. Unfortunately, this makes them more internal in their thinking. Rebels point to what is happening outside the firm. What are customers talking about? What do they need? How can we do more of what they want? One of my favorite rebels is Sara Carvalho at the engineering firm Bosch. She saw how difficult it was for people in developing countries to get access to hot water. She mobilized her company to develop a solar power solution, paid for via mobile phone, that she took into villages in Kenya. This was an insight about real people with a real problem she felt the company could solve.

Set a scale of ambition that makes following your idea worthwhile

It seems natural not to set your sights too high — a small, cheap idea is surely easier to adopt than a bigger, more expensive one. The reverse is true. If you want to be a rebel who moves the needle for the team, department or company of which you are a part, you need to solve problems that matter. Jim Peck proposed creating a new category of company. There were no "data-led" businesses when he started his journey to create LexisNexis Risk Solutions in 2001.

Have a compelling story with vivid imagery, so that people "get it"

Kurtisz presented his vision for a new insurance business model in dramatic terms. He presented a slide with a large and densely populated office building side by side with the image of the two people he proposed to employ in his new call center. This image, comparing the cost of administration in a traditional insurance firm with that of performing the same task in the digital era, relayed a simple message: Our model is broken, and we need to reinvent insurance before others do it for us.

Build a movement behind your ideas

Kurtisz did not get the opportunity to present his concept on day one. He had to build a network of supporters around him. Some of these would be allies, ready to pitch in resources to help him get started; others would be advocates who he could persuade of the value of his idea. Rebels are not loners. Over-invest your time in getting others to see the opportunity.

Be humble, letting others feel that they made you successful

Successful rebels are rarely egotists. They are ready to see others feel pride for what you achieved. It is not about getting the attention, but about achieving something that is new and different. This is probably a contrast to the great entrepreneurs like Musk. Attention-seeking behavior pushes people away and makes them feel unsafe.

Don't wait to be asked

We all have a critique of what is wrong with large corporations and what senior managers need to do. Most of this is probably accurate. Rebels see it, too. What's different is that they do not waste energy on it. Nobody appointed people like Peck and Kurtisz to the job of inventing radical new business opportunities. They saw the opportunity and got started on building support for ideas to capture it.

Rebels do not always succeed. Large corporations can be tough environments. However, remember that all great new ideas face opposition at first. Rebels should not expect to be popular with everyone. What matters is the quality of your commitment to your purpose and your willingness to stand out from the crowd.

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Investing in a time of inflation

DREAMSTIME

Elliot Raphaelson
The Savings Game

Recent upheaval in the equity and bond markets has investors understandably nervous. Many readers have written saying their portfolios have fallen in value, and they wonder what actions they can take, given that inflation is likely to persist at high levels and markets will remain volatile.

Many readers have indicated they have already sold some of their equity and are keeping some assets in money market funds, and they want to know what other options will protect their asset base.

I have written in previous columns that one option is investing in Series I bonds. You can go to TreasuryDirect.gov and read about all of the features. As an individual, you can only purchase $10,000 each year; if you are married, you can invest a total of $20,000 per year. You can also add an additional $5,000 a year if you expect a tax refund.

If you purchase an I bond before April, you will obtain a return of 7.12% for the first six months you own the bond. In April, the Federal Reserve will set a new rate based on the consumer price index at that time. You can be pretty sure that the new rate will also be high, perhaps even greater than 7.12%. Any increase in value will be deferred until you redeem the bond. You will be taxed on the gain at the federal level, but there is no tax at the state or local level. The maturity is 30 years, but you can redeem it after one year. If you redeem it before you have held it for five years, you lose the last 3 months of interest.

Another option is Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS). Unlike I bonds, there is effectively no limit regarding how much you can invest in them (you can buy up to $5 million in TIPS at any single auction using TreasuryDirect). The interest paid on TIPS is also based on the consumer price index, but they do have a disadvantage in comparison to I bonds. For example, the yield on 5-year TIPS is now minus 1.2%; for I bonds, the fixed rate is now 0% and the rate is never less than zero. The bottom line is that you will receive a 120-point advantage now purchasing I bonds vs. TIPS. The interest paid on both is based on the consumer price index, and changes every six months.

You can buy TIPS directly from TreasuryDirect or from a financial institution in the form of a mutual fund or exchange-traded fund. If you buy them through a mutual fund/ETF, you will receive the interest paid each six months, and interest is taxable. If you buy the bonds from TreasuryDirect, the interest will be credited to your account, but it is taxable in the year paid.

One of the disadvantages of buying TIPS via mutual funds or ETFs is that the value of the investment fluctuates based on interest rates, in general, and you could incur an investment loss if you are a short-term investor. For example, if you held shares in a TIPS fund/ETF last year, you would have received a return of approximately 6%. In 2022, however, you would likely be facing a loss in value. I suggest that you purchase TIPS from the Treasury directly and invest on a longer-term basis.

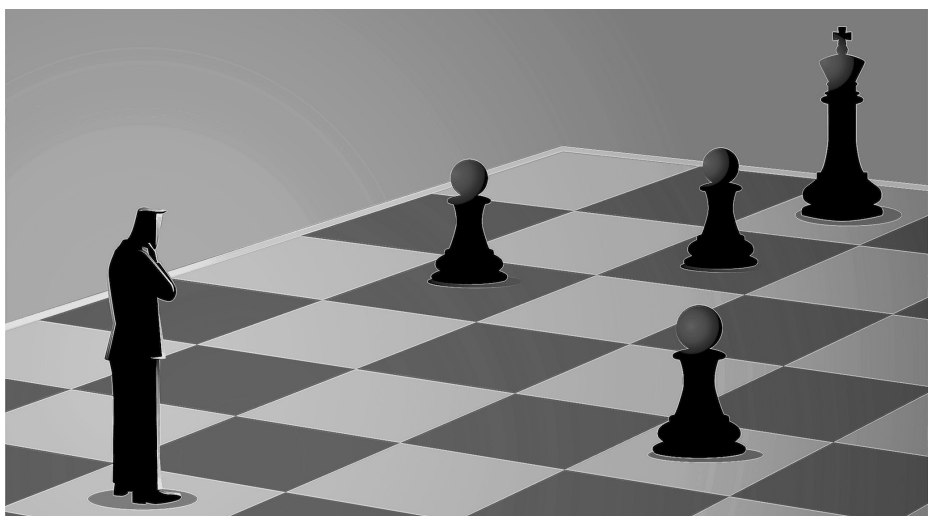
Another strategy you can consider is a modest investment, such as 1% of your portfolio in commodities. In general, commodity prices, assuming a balanced group of commodities, increase in value when inflation rates are high. In 2022, mutual funds and ETFs that invest in multiple commodities have done very well. However, the values of these funds are volatile. These funds can fluctuate as much as 5% up or down in one day. Accordingly, I would not recommend investing a high percentage of your portfolio in commodities. But when equity prices have a significant fall in value, commodity investments generally do well. You can ask your financial adviser for a specific recommendation.

A final note on I bond investment limits: I recommend that you write, as I did, to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and to President Joe Biden, requesting that steps be taken to increase the yearly limit for the purchase of I bonds from $10,000 per year individual to a higher amount, such as $50,000 per year. The relevant addresses are janet.yellen@frb.gov and president@whitehouse.gov.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.

Why brain-training games don't work

By Art Markman | Fast Company



DREAMSTIME

Success is often driven by your ability to solve problems and generate creative ideas. So, it is no wonder that people are looking for ways to increase mental capacity. And lots of companies have stepped into the void to help people improve their mental fitness.

The analogy behind many of these brain-training activities is athletic training. If you want to improve your physical performance, there are exercises you can do that improve your overall fitness.

Unfortunately, the brain doesn't seem to work the same way. There simply aren't ways in which to train general mental capacities that will improve your performance at a variety of other tasks.

Brain-training games often give you logic puzzles, lists of things to remember, or tasks that force you to pay attention. If you play those games, you will get better at them. But you don't get better at thinking in general.

That doesn't mean that there aren't things you can do to improve your mental abilities, though. It just means that brain games aren't the route to getting there.

To see why, it is important to recognize that psychologists distinguish between two kinds of intelligence: fluid and crystallized. Fluid intelligence reflects basic psychological mechanisms that influence your performance.

For example, working memory is the amount of information you can hold in mind at once. People with a high working-memory capacity are typically better at solving complex problems than people with low working-memory capacity.

These basic mechanisms are important aspects of the cognitive architecture that support good thinking. Unfortunately, there don't seem to be any exercises you can do that improve them. So, brain games that aim to improve working-memory capacity do not actually affect working-memory capacity, generally. Instead, people develop good strategies to play the game itself in ways that don't benefit thinking more broadly.

Crystallized intelligence reflects the results of your life experience. After reading this article, for example, you will know about the concept of working memory. That knowledge becomes part of your crystallized intelligence. Similarly, problem-solving skills you learned in school or on the job become part of your cognitive repertoire. Your crystallized intelligence continues to grow throughout your life. The knowledge and skills you have make you better able to address new situations.

So, you can make yourself smarter by building that crystallized intelligence. Read books on a variety of topics, listen to podcasts, and go to lectures or take classes that expand your knowledge and skills.

The more you know and can do, the better able you will be to address challenges deftly.

Terry Savage
The Savage Truth

Children and taxes

When tax time comes, your children can be worth a lot of money — even if you didn't earn any income. There are two main tax credits that apply to children, and they are frequently confused. One gives a significant refundable credit simply for their existence. The second gives a refundable credit (this year) for money spent on child care in 2021.

Sadly, many families that would qualify for these refundable credits don't earn enough to be required to file a tax return. So the credit is never claimed. If you know a low-income parent who might qualify, do them a big favor by sharing this column.

Child tax credit

This was the program that made headlines last year when, as part of the American Rescue Plan Act, it was enlarged and made refundable. As I wrote last May, the child tax credit was introduced in 1998 to give families with children a payment of $400 for each child. Over the years that number had grown, and by 2020 the amount had risen to $2,000. That year, it was only partially refundable against taxes paid.

But last spring, Congress boosted the child tax credit to $3,600 for each dependent child under the age of 6 at year-end 2021, and $3,000 for every dependent child under age 17. Plus, it became totally refundable to the filer — meaning you didn't have to pay any taxes to qualify for the credit.

There are income limits to qualify for this refundable credit. It goes only to those who have parental income under $75,000 on a single return, or $150,000 on a joint return (or $112,500 for those filing as head of household). The credit phases out above those income levels.

Notably, this credit is not limited by the number of children claimed as dependents on a qualifying tax return.

To get the money into the hands of families faster, the government started sending out the credit in advance — in the form of monthly payments beginning July 15. Not all deserving families received the monthly credit, though, and some only received a few months of checks. As a result, many low-income families now need to file a 2021 tax return to claim the credit (or the remaining credit balance after previous monthly payouts).

An extra bonus: Here's a reminder to those who had a baby in 2021. In addition to claiming the child tax credit (if you're eligible), you also get to claim the $1,400 stimulus payment that was paid out early last year. It is also refundable. So if you qualify based on income, your 2021 baby may be worth a combined $5,000. File for it!

Child care tax credit

One of the challenges of COVID-19 was the lack of affordable child care. But, depending on your income, you could get a credit equal to as much as half of your child care expenses last year on the tax return you are filing now.

The American Rescue Plan Act significantly increased the amount of this now-refundable credit. So, even if you don't have a tax liability, you can claim the credit on your 2021 return. (This credit is expanded only for year 2021, and is scheduled to return to previous levels in 2022.)

The cap on expenses eligible for the child and dependent care tax credit for 2021 is $8,000 (up from $3,000 previously) for one child or $16,000 for two or more children (up from a previous limit of $6,000).

Normally, only employment-related expenses qualify. The more a taxpayer earns, the lower the percentage of the tax credit. The 50% maximum credit starts to phase out at $125,000 for 2021, and is eliminated for any taxpayer with adjusted gross income over $438,000 in 2021.

The program also applies to dependent adults who are incapable of self-care.

One caveat: If you pay for child care through a dependent care flexible-spending account, the child care expenses you cover through that FSA cannot count toward the tax credit, since the money in that account already gets a tax benefit.

Your children are expensive, but the government is creating incentives to have them. And that's the Savage Truth.

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New business idea? Here are some rules to help bring it to market

The things that are most important for a startup to have in place to handle challenges are also the ones most easily ignored in the euphoria of a new idea. So, assuming your idea is sound, here are some of the most important cornerstones that may present in the most successful startups.

Find a great partner
Startups are draining. They will take every ounce energy you have to give and then some. Without a good partner to share the load, you will soon find yourself drained and overwhelmed. There's no formula for a great business partnership, but I like to use the metaphor of a kite and a string. Great partnerships balance lofty ambitions with practical grounding.

Protect your intellectual property
Get very familiar with trademark and patent law. IP protection can be absolutely critical to realizing long-term value. Keep in mind that patents will not prevent infringement. Instead, they give you the right to enforce the novelty of your idea. If your idea is successful, it will be copied. Be ready for that.

Be prepared to pivot
I've yet to see any startup that is not reshaped by the market. Pivots are hard for founders, but they are essential. Seventy-five percent of all startup founders attribute their success to a pivot. A pivot can just as easily be with your business model as with your product.

Digital marketing takes patience
One of the greatest assets that your startup has is digital marketing. Most startups think that this is synonymous with search engine optimization or SEO. Digital marketing involves a long-term sustained effort of training search and social algorithms to recognize your social posts, investing in social media advertising, and constantly analyzing results. Start small, but keep at it.

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Andrew, Thomas C.

Thomas C. Andrew of Glastonbury, Connecticut died in Glastonbury at the age of 99 on March 15, 2022. He was born in Dalry, Ayrshire Scotland on the 28th of July 1922, the son of Thomas C. Andrew and Elizabeth Chapman Andrew. He immigrated to the U.S. as an infant and grew up in Waterbury, Connecticut. He served in the U.S. Army/Southwest Pacific Theatre during World War Two from 1942-1945. He was an NCO Tech Corporal in an artillery battalion and participated in many of the signal battles of World War Two in the Pacific, including Guadalcanal, Bougainville, New Guinea and the Liberation of the Philippines. He was the recipient of the Bronze Star for meritorious service. Like many who have served in combat situations, he was forever and deeply affected by the experience.
After the War, he returned to Connecticut where he married his pre-war sweetheart, Ann Krull Andrew of Oakville, Connecticut. They were married for more than sixty years until Ann's death in 2006. He moved to Glastonbury with his family in 1964 and was active in First Church and a huge supporter of the music program in the Glastonbury public schools. He was an accomplished amateur violinist and played with the New Haven Symphony.
He graduated from New Haven College under the GI Bill, where he received a degree in mechanical engineering. For most of his career, he was a principal of Harper Buffing Machine Company in East Hartford and Mechanical Finishing Company of Meriden Connecticut. His work took him on frequent and extensive travel and his expertise and genial manner made him friends around the globe. He continued to travel after his retirement. In raising his children, his insistence on the importance of education and travel, exposure to the arts and athletics as well as participation in civic and social organizations demonstrated his belief that his children should be raised to be engaged and open-minded.
What made him happy? Summers on Nantucket where he could fish and play host to family. Going to the Hartford Symphony and to Hartford Whalers games. Grilling and picnics with his family and a Rob Roy in the backyard. Taking walks in the neighborhood in his later years. Knowing that he had worked hard in a successful career and had provided well for his family. He will be remembered for his energy, his hospitality and generosity, his concern for family and his love of music and of fishing. He was an avid reader and lived an active, engaged life until the onset of dementia in his last decade.
He is survived by his son, Thomas Andrew (Spouse—Joanne Bergen) of Berlin, Massachusetts, and his daughter, Nancy A. Shluger (Spouse—Robert Shluger) of Glastonbury Connecticut. He also had a second son, David K. Andrew of Glastonbury, who predeceased him. He had four grandchildren, Thomas Speranger (Spouse—Melissa Speranger) of Warrington, Pennsylvania, Daniel Shluger of Glastonbury Connecticut, Samuel Gow of Beverly, Massachusetts and Hannah Andrew of New Haven, Connecticut. He also had two great-grandchildren, Genevieve and James Speranger.
The family wishes to thank Raquel, Elizabeth, Amy, Claudette, Jessica and all the staff at The Hearth Memory Care Unit in Glastonbury as well as the Hospice team that helped our Dad through the final stage of his journey.
A memorial service with military honors will be held at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury Connecticut at 11AM on Tuesday, April 5th. Memorial Gifts may be made to Creative Living Community of CT (creativelivingcommunityofct.org). CLCC seeks to create a shared, inclusive living experience for individuals with developmental disabilities. For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com

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Dean, Joan (Mazza)

SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Services for Joan Mazza Dean will take place at **10am** on Monday, March 28 at St. Augustines Church, South Glastonbury, CT.

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Golding, Natalie B (Bassevitch)

Natalie Bassevitch Golding of Essex, CT and Indian Wells, CA passed away peacefully March 15, 2022 after a long illness. She was 94. She is survived by her husband Samuel Golding, her son Gary Golding and his wife Cora, her daughter Vivian Robinson, her grandsons Jared Robinson and Braden Robinson and his wife Allison, and her great grandchildren Avery and Parker Robinson.

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Lozyniak, Christine Paige

Christine (Chris) Paige Lozyniak, a longtime resident of Easton, CT, passed into Eternal Life on March 23, 2022. She was 60 years old. Christine was born on November 20, 1961 in Manchester, CT. Chris was the daughter of James and Cynthia Glenney and was raised in Granby, CT. Christine graduated Granby Memorial High School in 1979, where she enjoyed athletics, and participated in both Basketball and Track & Field teams, where she earned the nickname "Froggie" for her jumping ability. During her summer vacations, she picked broadleaf tobacco in the Farmington Valley. After High School she attended the University of Hartford on a basketball scholarship and played for the Hartford Hawks from 1980-1981.

She met her husband of 38 years Andrew (Andy) in July of 1983 and the two were married in September 1984. Four months after they met in 1983, Andy put down a deposit on an engagement ring. Andy wasn't about to let the biggest and best catch of his life get away. After getting married they moved to Monroe, CT where their son Peter was born in 1993. In 1995, they moved to Easton, CT where they have lived ever since. Throughout his life, Andy has always referred to Chris as his "One and Only".

Chris spent her entire life giving to others bringing love, joy and hope into each and every life she touched. She was selfless and a servant of all. Her delight in life was to bring others happiness. Chris never cared about a person's age, race, ethnicity or background, she only cared about a person's heart and character, and nothing else mattered. This way of living, treating others more important than yourself, is Chris's lasting legacy.

Chris loved to boat, target practice in the back yard and spend time with her treasured friends and family. She loved to take boating trips to Block Island, Mattituck, Montauk and most of all, the Sand Hole in Lloyds Neck, NY. Chris also always looked forward to her annual trips to ST. Thomas, USVI with her husband Andy and son Peter.

She leaves to cherish her memory her husband Andy and son Peter of Easton, CT, her parents James and Cynthia Glenney of Granby, CT, her brother John of Granby, CT, her brother Danny of Lyons, Colorado, sister-in-law Cynthia LoCascio of Fairfield, CT, brother-in-law Richard and his wife Tamye of Charleston, SC, sister-in-law Wendy and her husband Albert of Chittenden, VT and her two wonderful nephews Casey and Jack Lozyniak. Chris was predeceased by her sister-in-law Cathy Lozyniak Alexander, her brother-in-law Richard LoCascio and her father-in-law and mother-in-law Andrew and Florence Lozyniak. Her father in-law referred to Chris as "Mary Poppins", because he thought that she was practically perfect in every way.

Chris was a beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, sister-in-law and friend and will be dearly missed by all.

Friends and family are invited to visit on Monday, March 28, 2022 at Harding Funeral Home, 210 Post Road East, Westport, CT between 4-8 pm. A funeral mass will be held at 10:00 am on Tuesday March 29, 2022 at St. Luke Church, 49 North Turkey Hill Road, Westport, CT.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of your choice.

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Miner, Sr., Richard F.

Richard F. Miner, Sr., 81, of Suffield, CT and Seminole, FL, beloved husband of Patricia (Hubay) Miner, passed away on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 in Clearwater, FL. Born October 28, 1940 in Fiskdale, MA and son of the late Theodore and Rita (Brunell) Miner, Richard grew up in Windsor Locks and graduated from Windsor Locks High School class of 1959. After graduating High School, he entered the U.S. Navy and proudly served our country for six years, including four years during the Vietnam War. He worked at Stanadyne Corporation in Windsor, CT and he was also the owner and operator of Pilgrim Barber Shop in Suffield for 36 years before selling the business and retiring. Richard was very involved with his community: he served as Past Master of the Composite Lodge #28 A.F & A.M. in Suffield; he was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Windsor Locks, the American Legion in Granby, and the Suffield Jaycees. He enjoyed working with the Suffield Volunteer Fire Department and he served as past chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners. He was also on the Board of Directors for the YMCA, and he was the past Executive Director of the Suffield Housing Authority. Richard was an Austin Healey Enthusiast and he enjoyed competitive sport shooting.
After selling the barber shop and retiring, Richard and his wife Pat became "snowbirds," spending time at their Condominium in Seminole, FL in the winters. Richard was a very active member of the Fernwood Circle community where they lived and leaves behind many close friends in the area.
Besides his wife, Patricia, he is survived by a son, Richard F. Miner, Jr. and his wife, Kristen A. Miner of Newport, RI; a daughter, Patrice L. Miner of Kirkland, WA; two brothers, Larry Miner and his wife, Marie and Bruce Miner both of Greenville, NC; two granddaughters, Jordan E. Miner and Addyson M. Miner; and two stepbrothers, Gary and Dennis LaPlante. He was predeceased by a sister, Lucille Borowiec.
His family will receive friends on Friday, April 1, 2022 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home, 443 East St. N. (Rt. 159), Suffield. Family and friends may gather on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home at 10:00 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Church, 446 Mountain Rd., Suffield. Burial with military honors will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Suffield. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Suffield Fireman's Association, 73 Mountain Rd., Suffield, CT 06078. To leave on-line condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Grant , Daphne Merle

Daphne Merle Grant, 94, of Bloomfield, beloved wife of Charles Grant, departed peacefully on March 11, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. Daphne was born in Dawkins, Clarendon, Jamaica on September 13, 1927, and was raised by her father, the late Lester Constable, and her aunt Bell. Daphne leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, Charles Grant; sister, Lilieth Riley and her husband Herbert; five children, Victor Hurlock and his wife Beryl, Hyacinth Phillips, Errol Jarrett, Tyroune Jarrett and his wife Doreen, and Jennifer Jarrett-Connell and her husband Matthew; twenty- five grandchildren, thirty-seven great grandchildren, 10 great-great grandchildren, four stepchildren, six step grandchildren, seven nieces, ten nephews, and many friends. Funeral services will be held 11am on Friday, April 1, 2022, at Pilgrim Way Baptist Church, 19 Columbia Road, Windsor. The family will receive friends prior from 10am-11am. For the complete obituary and online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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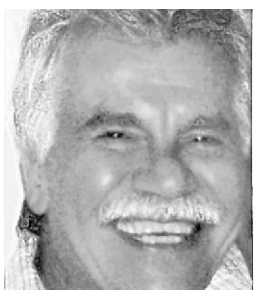
Meleounis, Savvas (Sam)



Savvas (Sam) Meleounis, 72, passed away peacefully at home on March 24, 2022. He is survived by his three sons, Emanuel and wife Stephanie, Nikitas and fiancée Ashley, Dimitrios and wife Megan; and his beloved grandson Samuel. He was predeceased by his parents, Emmanuel and Dimitria Meleounis. He will be remembered by his six siblings Stathis & wife Fotini, Katerina & husband Mihalis, George & wife Viki, Konstantinos & wife Stella, Aspasia & husband Emmanuel, and Sevasti & husband Tony. He is predeceased by his ex-wife Evangelia Psillakis, and survived by wife Maria Galani and her children, George and Eleni. Savvas will be fondly remembered by fifteen nieces & nephews and family members throughout Greece, Canada, and the U.S. Savvas was born on November 1, 1949 on the island of Rhodes, Greece. After his service in the Greek military he studied to become an electrician. After finding early success in this profession, he emigrated to the United States in 1971. He established himself in Hartford, CT with the rest of his family where he discovered his entrepreneurial spirit and embodied the definition of hard work. He operated an ice cream shop, video game arcade, and helped run the family business, Pitta Gourmet. He eventually started his own business, E.S.K. Corporation, where Sam became well known throughout the greater Hartford area for renting out pool tables, juke boxes, pinball machines, and arcade games to various businesses. Savvas remained an avid participant in his Greek community. He was a proud member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church and annually donated all the palms for Palm Sunday. Throughout the 1990's Savvas was also a manager of the Hartford Hellenic soccer team. Most of all, Savvas was a man for others. He truly believed in helping others not for recognition, but because it was simply the right thing to do. This kindness and his love for the city of Hartford will be what he is remembered for most by the countless lives he touched. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his three boys. He will rest easy knowing he has instilled his values into all three of them. Family and friends are invited to call on Tuesday, March 29, from 5:00 – 8:00 PM in The Ahern Funeral Home, 180 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, (The Trisagion Service will be at 6:30 PM). Funeral services for Savvas will be held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Hartford, CT. He will be laid to rest at Cedar Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hellenic Studies PAIDEIA, 28 Dog Lane, Storrs, CT 06268 or by visiting www.paideiausa.org.
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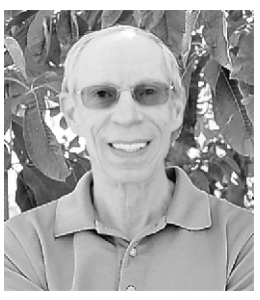

Robert A. Milvae, 68, of Storrs, Connecticut, passed away on March 21, 2022, after a brief but hard-fought battle with cancer. Bob was born on October 4, 1953, in Hartford to his late parents Ray and Joan. After graduating from Michigan State, Bob received his PhD from Cornell before spending 35 years as a beloved professor of Animal Science at UConn.

Bob was an immensely proud father of his two children, Aurora and Alex, and never missed an opportunity to share (slightly-exaggerated) stories about their accomplishments to anyone within earshot. He loved nothing more than spending time with his granddaughter Violet on frequent outings to visit local animals, countless afternoons playing in the backyard, and holidays decorating Violet's front porch.

Bob spent seven wonderful years with his loving partner Christine, sharing a warm home and many evenings watching UConn basketball.

While Dr. Bob was an accomplished researcher and scientist, his true love was teaching. A natural storyteller, nothing made him happier than lecturing to his undergraduate classes at UConn. Bob was universally beloved by his students for his warmth, sense of humor, deep expertise and genuine enthusiasm for the content of his classes, and bottomless reserve of excellent stories. Although he was honored with multiple teaching awards, the true measure of Bob's impact is better found in the countless students who say their career plans, perspectives, and even lives were profoundly shaped by Bob's teaching and friendship.

A man of wide-ranging interests and hobbies, Bob loved spending time in nature, working out at the gym, playing horseshoes and cornhole, doing yardwork on his tractor, and cheering on the Huskies and Red Sox. He also loved woodworking and adored animals big and small.

Bob is survived by Aurora, son-in-law Steve, and granddaughter Violet; Alex and soon-to-be daughter-in-law Liz; partner Christine; brother Ray and sister-in-law Deb; sister Jill and brother-in-law Alan; brother Scott; Aurora and Alex's mother Sandy; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his younger brother William.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bob's honor to the Covenant Soup Kitchen (https://www.covenantsoupkitchen.org) or the Matlen-Andersen Trauma Training Fund (https://matlenandersentraumatrainingfund.com).

Please join Bob's family for an evening of food, stories, and celebration of a life well-lived. All are welcome on Friday, May 6th at 5pm at The Lodge at Crandall Park in Tolland for what Bob hoped would be "a great big party."

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Botts IV, John Edmund

John Edmund Botts IV, "Johnny" (37), of Middletown, CT passed away unexpectedly Wednesday March 2, 2022. John was born May 16, 1984 in Yakima WA to Lauretta Botts and the late John E. Botts III. Johnny was raised in Old Lyme, CT where he found his love of sports, the outdoors and the beach.
John was a "jack of many trades", for years he worked in commercial window installation, iron works, construction/roofing, painting and was always working random jobs to help friends out.
John enjoyed baseball especially the Yankees, and spending time outdoors with friends and family. He touched the lives of many sponsoring others to beat their addictions and helping them move towards achieving their life goals. Johnny wore his heart on his sleeve; many will remember him for his bright smile, his sense of humor and his willingness to lend a hand or an ear for those who needed it. Of all the things John was passionate about he loved none more than his beautiful children. They were the light in his life, he loved them fiercely and fought to try and be a better person for them.
Along with his mother Lauretta Botts of Middletown, CT he will be forever missed by his children; Son Dominick and daughters Brooklyn and Skylar of Ledyard, CT, Daughter Adarrah of Tolland, CT and daughter Brielle of Orem, UT where she lives with her mother Sharday Olah, John's fiancé and the love he always searched for. John and Sharday are expecting a second daughter this summer.
Johnny also leaves behind siblings who will miss him dearly; his two big brothers Monte Neumeyer of Fairview, TN, and Eric Neumeyer, wife Shonda and their two children Addisyn and Jack of Selah, WA; and his big sister Maureen Rajotte, husband Jeff and their sons Cameron and Bryce of East Hartford, CT.
A celebration of life will be planned for later this summer so his Fiancé and newest bundle of joy can attend.

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Bonadies, Kathleen M. (Graper)

Kathleen Graper Bonadies passed away on March 14, 2022. She was born January 20, 1928 in Princeton, Indiana to Fred and Greeba Graper into a family of one sister and two brothers.

Kathleen graduated from Washington University School of Nursing, St. Louis, in 1948 as a nurse cadet and in January 1951 was inducted into the Navy Nurse Corps at the Great Lakes Naval Base. In June 1951 she was transferred to Mare Island Naval Hospital in Vallejo, California where she met Lieutenant Daniel Bonadies, a Naval Medical Officer. Following a whirlwind courtship they were married on December 7,1951.

Following their honorable discharges from the Navy they moved to Hartford, Connecticut in 1953 where Daniel set up his dental practice and they raised a family. They remained in Connecticut until 1986 when they moved to Pinehurst, North Carolina upon Daniel's retirement.

In Pinehurst, Kathleen was a Hospice Patient volunteer and a literary volunteer with second graders at Southern Pines Primary. She was an active member of the Pinehurst Ladies Golf Group, PEO Chapter BS, and several bridge groups. In her later years Kathleen relocated to Richmond, Virginia to be closer to her son Stephen.

Kathleen is survived by three children, Michael and Anne of Leonia, New Jersey; Stephen and Jamie of Richmond, Virginia; and Laura and Casey of Oak Park, Illinois; three grandsons, Nick, Joe, and Tony; two great-grand-children, Henry and Nora; and her "adopted" grandchildren Jake and Kelly Green of Pinehurst, North Carolina and their children Marc, Ethan and Aaron.

Kathleen will be interned at Arlington National Cemetery with her loving husband of sixty-one years, Daniel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to First Health Hospice, Pinehurst NC or Given Memorial Library, Pinehurst NC

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Mazurski, Peter M.

Peter M. Mazurski, 73, formerly of Southington, Enfield, and Windsor, beloved husband and best friend for 49 years of Susan (Bennis) Mazurski, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 20, 2022.
In addition to his loving wife, Sue, Pete is survived by his daughters, Kate Johnson and her husband Samuel and Amy Day and her husband Patrick; his grandchildren, Owen, Abigail, and Isabel Johnson, and Graeme and Nolan Day; his sisters, Phyllis Mazurski, Madeline Mazurski and her husband Peter Landres, and Elizabeth Mazurski; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.
Pete was predeceased by his parents, Paul and Irene (Losin) Mazurski; and his brother-in-law, Patrick McKee.
His family will receive friends on Monday, March 28, 5-7 p.m., at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. A Prayer Service will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 11 a.m., at Carmon Funeral Home.
Burial will be private in Mt. St. Benedict Mausoleum.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Adaptive Rowing Program, c/o Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, 490 Blue Hills Ave., Hartford, CT 06112.
To read the full obituary or leave a condolence for his family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Osgood, Robert W

Robert Wayland Osgood, 70 of Wethersfield lived a long and happy life and died peacefully on March 23, 2022 after a short battle with cancer.
Bob was born in Townshend VT, on November 2, 1951, son of Wayland and Melba (Dunn) Osgood.
As a young boy he lived in West Dummerston VT and later Brattleboro VT where he attended Esteyville School, a one room schoolhouse. Moving to Wethersfield in 1963 he later attended Wethersfield High School. He went on to graduate from The Catholic University of America in Washington DC where he majored in political science. While attending college he was the athletic manager for the men's basketball team and managing editor for the school's student paper, The Tower. He joined the Navy shortly after graduation. Bob was proud to serve on the newly commissioned USS Dwight D. Eisenhower CVN-69 aircraft carrier otherwise known as IKE as an air traffic controller where he trained in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and later touring the Mediterranean. He had the distinguished honor of being a "plank owner" when IKE was commissioned in 1977. Bob would love to sit and tell you stories about his navy days. After finishing his service he worked as an air traffic controller at Bangor International Airport in Maine, Brainard Airport and Bradley International Airport.
Bob most loved walking his dogs around Old Wethersfield and talking with his Broad St Green neighbors. He took pride in his Irish heritage and researching our family tree. Bob often took trips to Vermont, a place near and dear to his heart. He loved being a New Englander with its change of seasons, all while cursing at raking leaves and shoveling snow but wouldn't have lived anywhere else.
He is survived by his sisters Mary (James) Indermaur, Kathleen (Keith) Latulippe and Kelli (Mark) Ely all of Wethersfield. His nieces and nephews Timothy jr, Jessica and Jeramy Osgood, Spencer and Connor Indermaur, Shaun, Meaghan (Richie),Trey, Keane and Griffin Latulippe, Kendall and Kyle Ely. Special friends the Adams family and Lisa Bowman
Robert was preceded in death by his parents Wayland P Osgood , Melba Dunn Osgood and brother Timothy J Osgood
Burial will be private in at the convenience of the family

Memorial donations may be made to the Jett Foundation 36 Cordage Park Circle Suite 328 Plymouth MA 02360

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Cable, Miriam Mason

Miriam Mason Cable, 91, of Harwinton, passed away January 11, 2022 at her home. She was the loving wife of the late Peter Cable who predeceased her in 2005. She was predeceased by her first husband, Guy Pomeroy (Pommy) Haskell in 1954.
Miriam (Mason) was born on December 28, 1930 in Boston, MA, daughter of the late James Jackson Minot and Miriam (Sears) Minot. She had a practical nature and a generous heart. She loved a good "dark and stormy" and had a clever sense of humor. Mason had a love for flowers and gardening and was a past president of the Avon Garden Club. She was known amongst friends and family for her stunning flower arrangements and gardens. She loved reading, especially historical fiction. Upon moving to Harwinton, she and Peter raised goats for over 30 years. Peter and Mason liked to visit the Caribbean and Mason continued to enjoy traveling until her final days. Mason was a skilled dog trainer, winning hundreds of ribbons throughout the years. During the course of her life she owned and trained poodles, dalmatians and finally her beloved shelties.
Mason is survived by her son, Stephen Haskell and his wife, Bette Jane Zavatsky Haskell of Harwinton; nieces and nephews, H. James Crossan III, Peter Crossan, Constance Malek and her husband Joe, all of Massachusetts and Louise McAllister Rogers of Oregon; her great nephew and niece, Jonathan Moseley of California and Emily Downie of Washington state; her close friend Mary Owen; too many other friends to name, and her two shelties, Tally and Canny. Mason was predeceased by her three sisters, Eleanor Lewis, Louisa Moseley and Constance Crossan.
A service will be held at Lyons Funeral Home in Thomaston on April 9, 2022 at 11:00.
Memorial contributions can be made to Animal Rescue Foundation, Inc., Terryville https://www.arfct.org/
Please visit www.lyonsfuneralhome.com to leave notes of comfort to the family.

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Matthews Jr, Charles

Charles J. Matthews Jr, 85, of Rocky Hill, beloved husband of the late Dea Matthews, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on March 24, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Brooklyn, NY, he lived in Rocky Hill most of his life. He was the son of the late Charles and Christine Matthews. Charlie was a graduate of Wethersfield High School class of 1955. He spent his life working in Food Service, most proudly in the family's former business, Mother's Pies. He was extremely proud of being able to work every position in the bakery, including Production Supervisor. He also owned and operated The Coffee Shoppe. He was very proud to serve on many local town organizations including the Democratic Town Committee, the Elks Club, and as a lifetime member dispatcher for the RHFD. He was instrumental in the development of the Rocky Hill Softball League. He was inducted into the Wethersfield Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the 1954 state championship soccer team. Charlie was an avid Dodgers and UConn women's basketball fan. He got great enjoyment in the outdoors whether it was gardening, family picnics, his pool or vacationing in Maine. Playing Santa for friends and charities gave him pleasure. His greatest joy in life came from his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He is survived by his three children. Kevin and wife Elizabeth Matthews,Jennifer Tumpney and companion Rob Flanders, and Glenn and wife Jacqueline Matthews. He also leaves 7 grandchildren. Dan Matthews and fiancée Brenda Clavette, Katie (Matthews) Newton and husband Ricky, Donna (Tumpney) VanderHeiden and husband Robert, Matthew Tumpney and wife Lindsey, and Ryan, Larissa and Talor Matthews. He will be greatly missed by his great-grandchildren, Bob and Jenny VanderHeiden, and Mason Newton. One of four children, He is survived by his sister Marcia Paholski and husband Ski as well as brother Tom Matthews and wife Sue. He was predeceased by his sister Dorthea Bogardus and husband Bogie. Charlie's family would like to send a special thanks to the staff of Hartford Hospital's Cancer and Hospice Care units for their kind and compassionate care and support. Services will be held on Wednesday, March 30th at 10:30a.m. at the BROOKLAWN Funeral Home, 511 Brook st. Rocky Hill. Interment will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery, Rocky Hill. Family and friends are invited to the Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 29th from 5-6:30p.m with a service starting at 6:30p.m. Officiated by Pastor Ronald Cox. For online guestbook please visit www.brooklawnfuneralhome.com

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Wood, Tucker T

Tucker T. Wood, of Weymouth, passed away at his home after a long battle with ALS on March 10, 2022. He was 39.

Originally from Coventry, CT, Tucker was a talented athlete and musician with a degree in history from SNHU. He was an adored teacher at Hills & Falls Cooperative Nursery School in Newton, MA and enjoyed countless summers as the music instructor at the Fessenden Day Camp of Waltham, MA. Tucker was creatively talented in so many ways. He used his passion and love for music to write and perform hip hop music for both adults and children. Tucker was an amazing photographer and showcased his talent capturing family, friends, events as well as a mission trip to Haiti. A lover of good scotch and beer, Tucker was always quick with a joke and known for his infectious personality and wit. He loved to cook, spend time with friends, travel and was an avid New England Patriots fan. His greatest joy was spending time with his beloved wife and daughter.

Beloved husband to Lauren I. (DelCogliano) Wood and father to Eloise J. Wood. Son of Russell and Catherine (Cary) Wood of Coventry, CT. Brother of Cameron "Cami" Blackey and her husband Dean, of Norfolk, MA, and MacKinnon Cote and her husband Robert, of Hudson, NH. Son-in-law of Thomas and Judy DelCogliano of Halfmoon, NY. Brother-in-law of Tommy and Kelsey DelCogliano, both of Troy, NY. Godson of Maureen Anderson and her husband Al, of Coventry, CT, as well as his bonus siblings Kathryn Romeo and her husband Andrew and Tyler Reeves of Waltham, MA. Also survived by several nieces and nephews, and many close and caring friends.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Service of Remembrance at Second Congregational Church of Coventry, 1746 Boston Turnpike, Coventry, CT April 2, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Coventry Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars-Tucker Wood Memorial Scholarship P.O. Box 3, Coventry 06238 or to ALSONE.org 8 Industrial Way Whitman, MA 02382.

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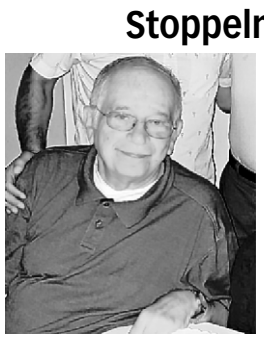

Julian (Jay) E. Stoppelman, 78, of Manchester, CT, died peacefully on March 23, 2022 at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford. Besides his wife, Susan Kravetz Stoppelman, to whom he was married for 52 years, Jay leaves their sons and daughter-in-law, Daniel Stoppelman of Boston, MA, and Gary Stoppelman and Mary Neu-Stoppelman of Dubuque, IA, and his brother David Stoppelman of Shirley, MA, as well as several beloved nieces and nephews and many dear friends of long standing. Jay loved life and tried to bring joy to everyone he encountered. He enjoyed cooking (especially breakfast), traveling, listening to music, and making friends. He was committed to increasing justice and reducing homelessness. Jay was a systems analyst, having started his career on the Apollo Project for NASA at MIT. In the Hartford area, he worked for several insurance companies and as a computer consultant to businesses, and was a substitute teacher in the Manchester Public School system towards the end of his career. He was a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and a volunteer usher at The Bushnell, and a representative of BSBI on the Board of Misac Corporation, the interfaith group which operates affordable housing. He was also on the Manchester Planning and Zoning Commission and Chair of the Housing and Fair Rent Commission. He served on the Manchester Democratic Town Committee, was an election moderator, a reading tutor for Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford and a member of its Community Relations Council, and he chaired several committees at Beth Sholom B'nai Israel. Burial will be in Sharon (MA) Memorial Park, Monday morning March 28. The service, officiated by Rabbi Richard Plavin, will be available via Zoom link on request to friends and family who cannot travel there. There will be a memorial service at Beth Sholom B'nai Israel, 400 Middle Tpke East, Manchester, CT, at 3:00 Monday, officiated by Rabbi Randall Konigsburg, and viewable by LiveStream from myshul.org/livestream. Masks will be required for those who attend in person. Minyan service by Zoom will begin at 7 pm with visiting also by Zoom until 8:00 pm on Monday and Tuesday. Jay's family greatly appreciates the kindness and care he received from the doctors and staff at the intensive care and step-down units of St. Francis Hospital over several months. The family suggests memorial donations to Beth Sholom B'nai Israel, address above, or MISAC, Manchester Interfaith Social Action Committee, 59 Rachel Road, Manchester, CT 06042, or a charity of the donor's choosing. Hebrew Funeral Association is handling arrangements.

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Wilusz, Frank J.

Frank J. Wilusz of Tucson, AZ, died on March 10,2022, after a long battle with cancer, with his wife Arlene at his side.
He was born in Burlington, CT, on March 21, 1940, the oldest child of the late Frank J. and Sophia Darosz Wilusz. He grew up on the family farm in Burlington and attended public schools in Burlington and Farmington. He spent his entire career in the concrete flatwork construction business in Connecticut and in Maryland.
Frank enjoyed life and lived it in style. He loved family gatherings, dancing, and hanging out at the lake cottage where the extended family gathered every Labor Day. He was an accomplished stone mason having designed and built many patios, walls, and fireplaces along his journey. He was also a master of outdoor grilling on the barbeque. (The secret to perfection is patience). He enjoyed his Polish heritage and took a memorable trip to Poland in 2008 to see the village his mother came from and to meet and celebrate with cousins whom he had never met.
He decided to retire in Tucson where he had lived as a young man and where he had some family connections. He wanted to "live the dream." And so he did!
There were many good times in Tucson with his mother, prior to her passing, and with many other family members. He tried his luck with flipping houses and through that effort met Arlene. Late in life he had found a true soul-mate and they were married in August 19, 2017, and they enjoyed a precious few years traveling the country in their RV and being best friends. Both he and Arlene were faithful and generous supporters of St. Cyril Church in Tucson. Frank was also an active participant in the Knights of Columbus and was frequently on hand to make pancakes for the parishioner's Sunday breakfast.
Besides his parents he was predeceased by the mother of his children, Pat Hahn, and his second wife Eileen Wilusz. In addition to his wife Arlene Imoehl and her family, he is survived by his daughter Kasia Wilusz of New Haven, CT, his son Kevin Wilusz (Teekh) of Elgin, AZ, and grandchildren Zofia Riolo of Los Angeles, CA, Lydia Moranski of New Haven, CT, and Sydney and Seamus Wilusz of Thailand. In addition he is survived by his brothers Albert Wilusz (Pat) of Burlington, Bob Wilusz of Burlington, and sister Margie Carlson (Dick), of Simsbury, CT and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins. Services were held on March 19, 2022, at St Cyril of Alexandria Church in Tuscon, AZ. Memorial contributions may be made to St Cyril of Alexandria Church, 4725 E Pima St., Tucson, AZ 85712.

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Gustafson, Jr., Carl E.

Carl E. Gustafson, 78, of 80 Whitney Street, East Hartford and formerly of Wallingford, passed away after a brief illness on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at his home. He was born December 10, 1943, the son of Carl and Eileen Gustafson of Stoneham, Massachusetts. Carl graduated from Lyman Hall High School class of 1961. He resided in Wallingford for many years before becoming a resident of East Hartford. Prior to his retirement, Carl was employed by Pratt & Whitney for many years, working at the North Haven and East Hartford facilities. Carl was also a certified ASA Softball Umpire and called games for the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Club softball league for many seasons. He also was employed part time as the night manager at the Aircraft Club as well as a parking attendant at the Aircraft Club for many of the UConn football games that were played at Rentschler Field at Pratt & Whitney Stadium. He was also a longtime loyal fan of the UConn basketball teams as well as the Boston Red Sox. Carl was an avid car enthusiast, having built and raced stock cars and drag cars when he was younger.

Carl is survived by two daughters, Erica Gustafson of Waterville, Maine and Janelle Gustafson of Albuquerque, New Mexico; his granddaughter Jessica Stetson of Fairfield, Maine and great- granddaughters Veda, Blake and Salem also of Fairfield, Maine; his brothers Robert and his wife Linda of Kensington, NH, Neil and his wife Geri of Pelham, NH, and David and his wife Debbie of Marston Mills, MA. He was predeceased by a brother Bruce E. Gustafson of Reading, MA. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Calling Hours celebrating Carl's life will be held Friday, April 1, 2022 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford. Private burial will be held at the convenience of the family. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family please visit www.desopoeh.com.

D'Esopo Funeral Chapel

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Logan, Billy

Billy M. Logan 84, of East Hartford, CT. Was called home on March 14, 2022. Service will be on Friday April 1,2022 at 11:00am at Howard K. Hill Funeral Services.

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Tow, Betty Jean

Betty Jean Tow (nee Hutton), 92-years-old, passed away 3/21/22 at Windham Hospital in Willimantic, CT. She was preceded in death by her mother, Emily Percy Hutton, and father, Thomas Hutton, her siblings Gerald, Audrey, Leslie, Ted, and Stanley Hutton as well as her husband of 45 years, Arlis Wayne Tow. She is survived by son David Tow and partner Nathalie Peltier-Horton, daughter Kimberly and son-in-law Gary Blondin, grandchildren Alexander (and daughter Bella), Morgana and Leonardo Tow, and Nathalie's children Jessica Peltier (with husband Todd Helweg and children Alice and Matthew), Charlie Horton (with husband Casey DuVall) and Margaret Horton (with husband Tony Gugino and child Ava). Betty was born 4/29/29 in Chadwell Heath in greater London, England. She was the youngest of six children and grew up during World War I. She studied science and worked at a chemical plant from the age of 16. She did not enjoy the wet and cold English weather, so she moved to Texas when she was 27 years old. She married her husband Wayne in Dallas at 29 and their son David was born in January, 1959. They moved to Rancho Cordova, CA, a year later. Their daughter Kim was born in July, 1960 and they lived there for 13 years. Wayne eventually lost his job and the family moved in 1973 to Hebron, CT. Betty lived there for 48 years. She returned to London with her whole family in 1977 and with Wayne in the 1980s to visit all her siblings. She traveled extensively, enjoyed Cape Cod and the Caribbean, and took numerous vacations with Kim after her husband's death. She had her own tax preparation business for 21 years, retiring at 80. Betty had a great memory until the very end. She loved her endless cups of hot tea with milk. She was a member of Gilead Congregational Church in Hebron. A Memorial Service for Betty is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, at 11:00 AM, at the Gilead Congregational Church, 672 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations in Betty's memory may be made to the Gilead Congregational Church. To share a memory or express a condolence, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com. The Aurora – McCarthy Funeral Home in Colchester, has been entrusted with arrangements.

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Yoston, Ellen M.

Ellen Marie (Cunningham) Yoston, 80, of Wethersfield, beloved wife of the late Robert Arthur Yoston, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 25, 2022. Born in Elmsford, NY on September 14, 1941, she was the daughter of the late John and Sarah Jane (Boughton) Cunningham. Ellen enjoyed watching Hallmark movies, as well as the daily televised Mass. She loved ice cream and roses and devoted her life to raising her family.

She'll be dearly missed by her son, Bob Yoston of Clearwater, FL; her five daughters, Doreen DeAguila of Clearwater, FL, Karen Tabshey and her husband Roger of Wethersfield, Patty Rosati and her husband Rob of Bedford, NY, Mary Boardman and her husband Ed of Charlotte, NC and Jenifer Dowd and her husband Art of Clinton; fifteen grandchildren, Crystal, Ricky, Lindsay, Nicole, Eric, Lexus, Chris, Kendyl, Andrew, Tim, Amanda, Elizabeth, Brian, Nick and Sarah; seven great grandchildren, Josh, Milo, Samuel, Leo, Chloe, Olivia and Margo. She also leaves two sisters, Maureen Donovan and her husband Mike of Bethel and Susan Cunningham of White Plains, NY as well as a sister-in-law, Sheila Cunningham of Kentucky along with many nieces and nephews. Besides her beloved husband of 59 years, she was predeceased by her two brothers, Bobby Cunningham and his wife Joann and Allan Cunningham. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on Tuesday (March 29th) at The Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect St., Wethersfield. Everyone is asked to meet directly at the church. Burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Ellen's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd., Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489. To leave online condolences to the family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.

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Hulten, Sharon Denise (Thimoth)

Sharon Denise (Thimoth) Hulten, 67, of Winchester, beloved wife of Dennis J. Hulten, died Friday, March 18, 2022 at her home surrounded by family after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born February 4, 1955 in Hartford, daughter of the late Norman and Audrey (Nelson) Thimoth and had lived in Avon, Goshen and Torrington prior to moving to Winchester. Sharon was a hairdresser for many years and when not styling hair, she kept a wonderful home. She loved her houseplants, pets and all the wild animals on her property, was a talented seamstress, enjoyed reading, watching Patriot's football and tolerated going to car shows and watching Nascar with her husband. She had a great passion for all things magical, enjoyed visiting Cape Cod in the summers as a child but most of all, she loved spending time with family both at home and in New Hampshire. Always doing so with huge spreads of food. She is remembered with this quote, "What happens at Grandma's house stays at Grandma's house!"

In addition to her loving husband, Sharon is survived by her two children, David Ellis and wife Celina of East Hampton and Heather Ellis of Torrington; her grandchildren Samantha and Jeffery Hall, as well as Hunter Stechholz and Shyanna Amato; her sister, Cindy Burr and husband Bryan of Unity, NH; her nieces, Kaylee St. Pierre and husband Jake, Holly Hewes and husband Tyler and Heidi Neuhausser as well as her three great nephews, Jameson, Walker and Jack St. Pierre.

There are no calling hours and services will be private. Donations in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or to the Smilow Cancer Center at Yale New Haven Hospital, P.O. Box 1849, New Haven, CT 06508. The Vincent Funeral Home of Canton is caring for the arrangements. Please visit Sharon's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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McCalla, Sidney G.

Sidney G. McCalla, 92 of Hartford passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, March 16, 2022. He was born in Clarendon, Jamaica to the late Clifford and Delphina (James) McCalla. Sidney, could fix anything, large or small, his family affectionately called him" Mr. Fix It". Sidney, was a devoted member of North United Methodist Church in Hartford. He enjoyed music and being outdoors, but his greatest joy was spending time with his family. He leaves to mourn his passing, four children, Barbara (Madge) Kelly, Phillip (Junior) McCalla and his wife Christine, and Claudette McCalla all of Hartford, and Sydney McCalla, MD and his wife Paula of Valley Stream, NY; eight grandchildren, Daniel (Danny) Kelly of Hartford, Nadine (Tricia) Kelly of Frederick, MD, Phillip Damon McCalla and Andre McCalla both of Orlando, FL, Candia Baptiste of Bloomfield, Daren McCalla, MD and his wife Sara of Houston, TX, Dana McCalla of Washington, DC, and David McCalla of Valley Stream, NY; eight great-grandchildren, Anthony, Briana, and Sydney Kelly, Shane, Kaiden, and Camron Baptiste, Theodore McCalla and Timothy McCalla; Brother, Leo McCalla, a sister in-law Cynthia Lewis; three special nephews whom he helped to raise, Winston Durrant, Delroy Harvey, and Christopher Daley; and a host of other relatives and friends in the US, Jamaica, and England. He was predeceased by his loving wife Dorothy McCalla, parents and seven siblings. His family will receive friends on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 9:00 am with the funeral to follow at 10:00 am at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Rd. Windsor. The burial will follow at Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Rd, Bloomfield. To leave condolences for the family, please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Reincke, Sr., Robert T.

Robert T. Reincke, Sr. - Beloved husband of Joan (Loughlin) Reincke, passed away on March 4th, at his residence in Colchester. He leaves his children, Richard Reincke of Tustin, CA; Gregory Reincke of Shelburne, VT, and Sharon Tucker of San Marcos, CA. He also leaves his sister, Jill Bertrand of Cromwell, CT; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Robert was predeceased by his eldest son, Robert T. Reincke, Jr., his parents Donald, Sr. and Mae, and two brothers, Donald, Jr., and Richard. The family would like to thank Janet and Matt Carden for all their help in caring for Robert. Funeral services will be held privately, according to his wishes. There are no calling hours, and burial will be at the convenience of the family. To share a memory or express condolences please visit: www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com.

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Schiebel, Brenda C.

Brenda C. Schiebel, 80, of Coventry, beloved wife of Newton Schiebel passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2022. She was born May 21, 1941 in Rockville, the daughter of the late Harold and Pauline (Bonan) Lehrmitt. She graduated from Rockville High School in 1959. She worked for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. She met Newton on a trip to Hawaii in 1966. After she married June 3, 1967 she stayed home and worked caring for her two children, Scott and Wendy. She also worked for Sheet Metal Local 40 for 22 years before retiring in 2000. She went on many family vacations including the best 42 days across the country, 4 trips to Europe and numerous cruises. She traveled to all 50 states, parts of Canada and Mexico. She spent many years coaching little league baseball. Her children were on her team along with another woman coach. She was an animal lover and loved watching the animals especially the deer in the winter. She had many pets throughout her life including cats, dogs, turtles and parakeets. She was a lifelong member of St. Bernard Church in Rockville. She was a Pratt Retired Club Member. In retirement she took care of her two grandchildren, Savannah and Charlotte Schiebel. She was an avid sports fan. She had a season pass for over 20 years to watch UConn Women's Basketball. She also enjoyed the Yankees and NASCAR, especially Chase Elliott. Besides her husband, children and grandchildren she also leaves many nieces, nephews and cousins. Relatives and friends are welcome to join the family from 4 to 7 PM on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at the Coventry-Pietras Funeral Home, 2665 Boston Tpke. (Rte. 44) Coventry. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM on Friday, April 1, 2022 at St. Bernard's Church, 25 St. Bernard Terrace, Rockville. Burial will follow at Grove Hill Cemetery in Rockville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Paw Safe, 110 Sandy Beach Rd. Ellington, CT 06029. For online condolences please visit: www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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Case, Sr., Arlow H.

Arlow H. Case Sr., 87, husband of 50 years to the late Doris (Messenger) Case passed away on March 4, 2022. Born in Westfield, MA, Arlow grew up in Simsbury; but was a long time resident of Granby, CT. He was a retired Local#40 union sheet metal foreman. Arlow was preceded by his sister Elnora Olin and his parents Harold and Maude (Smith) Case. He is survived by his sister Priscilla Stafford of Bristol.

Arlow is survived by his son, Arlow Case Jr. (Susan) , his daughter, Colleen Bjorbekk (Edwin); seven grandchildren, Ashley Newton (Chris), Esther Machnik (Joshua), Isaac Bjorbekk (Victoria), Rebekah Nussbaum (Joshua) , Joshua Case (Holley), Luke Case, Audrey Case; 14 great grandchildren, Michaela, Levi, and Benjamin Newton; Jubilee, Agape, Toren, and Hosea Machnik; Cassidy, Josephine, and Melanie Bjorbekk, Lillian and Asher Nussbaum; Raelyn and Jameson Case and other extended family.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM, Sunday April 3, 2022 at the Bethany Lutheran Brethren Church, 116 Walnut Hill Road, East Hartland, CT 06027. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the church. Assisting the family is Southwick Forastiere Funeral and Cremation, 624 College Highway, Southwick, MA. wwwforastierefuneralhome.com

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Hedling, Burton

Burton Hedling, of Farmington passed away on March 22, 2022. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 59 years Ingrid Hedling. Born on April 7, 1930, in Hartford, CT to parents Theodore Hedling & Helga Liljedahl. Most of his childhood was spent in Sweden. When he turned 18 he moved to Connecticut. He joined the Air National Guard serving in the Korean War at Bradley International Airport as a Staff Sergeant. Burton worked for Liljedahl Brothers Inc. for 47 years as a master carpenter. Carpentry was Burton's passion he would spend long hours in the garage improving the house and even helping his grandchildren with school projects. He was an active member of Emanuel Lutheran Church Hartford, CT. His professional skills were put to great use through his many years serving on the Property Committee at his Church. Even after retirement he worked as a transporter for children with special needs with M&J Bus Company. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Karen H. and Michael Lawson and his son Richard C. Hedling. Along with his 4 grandchildren Jennifer and Monica Hedling and Kimberly and Jeremy Lawson. He was a devoted husband, veteran, loving father, and amazing grandfather. Burton will always be loved by those who survive him. Private burial will be held at Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford on April 22, 2022 at 11:00am EST. Arrangements have been made with Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home. Donations can be made to Emanuel Lutheran Church, 311 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 in his memory. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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May, John R.

John Richard May, 91, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. Born and raised in Hartford, he was a longtime Newington resident. John is the son of the late Harold May and Paul and Hertha Thompson. He is survived by his devoted wife of 67 years, Shirley (Fay) May and his loving son, John and his wife Barbara, his grandchildren, who were his "pride and joy", J.P., Suzanne, Kate and her husband Joe. He also leaves his sweet sister-in-law, Nel Dorman of Newington and many nieces, nephews and their families. John enlisted in the U.S. Air Force immediately after graduating from High School. He was stationed in Alaska during the Korean War. Following his four year service in the Air Force, he started his career in the Southern New England Telephone Company where he worked for over forty years. John enjoyed his long retirement. He looked forward to UConn Basketball games and enjoyed talking about his many experiences in the military. His greatest pleasure was spending time with his family. John will be dearly missed by all who loved him. "I will always love you, John, and I will always miss you" Love, Shirley. All services will be private with Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. To share a memory with his family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.

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Weiner, Shirley

Shirley Weiner, 94, of West Hartford, died peacefully Saturday March 19, 2022. She was the beloved wife of the late Hyman Joseph Weiner, a Columbia University Social Work Professor (1967-1980) , who died tragically in 1980. Born in the Bronx, New York; on June 18, 1927, she was the daughter of Max and Fanny (Segalovitch) Beckerman. As a teenager Shirley was active in the Progressive Socialist movement of the 1950's and later become deeply involved in the civil rights and anti-war movements of the 1960s and 70s. She received a BA from Brooklyn College in early childhood education and 2 Masters Degrees from Bank Street Graduate School of Education in New York City. She was a fierce advocate for social justice. After the death of her husband, she developed a new passion focusing on Yiddish language, literature and Jewish/ Holocaust education. Shirley co-founded Friends of Yiddish with Jo Abrams, putting on many Yiddish programs in the NYC area. She was an avid student of Yiddish literature and language with Pasach Fishman at Workmen's Circle and YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. Shirley sang alto with the Yiddish Philharmonic Chorus for 23 years (1988-2011), a central part of her life. She was a docent at the Jewish Museum of New York (105th Street, NYC), was a translator for Holocaust survivor transcriptions (with her Yiddish skills), and was one of the founding docents at The Museum for Jewish Heritage (Battery Park, NYC). Shirley was an active and beloved mother, grandmother and friend to many. She is survived by her three children; Robert Weiner of Northampton, MA, Susan Susskind and her husband David of Mamaroneck, NY; and Daniel Weiner and his wife Sandra of West Hartford and their children; Frances Weiner and Benjamin Weiner and step- grandchildren, Ilan, Roni and Ezequiel Unger and Shamilupa Kalapula. A funeral was held on Tuesday March 22 at the Montefiore Cemetery in Queens New York. The family is observing a private period of mourning. Donations in her memory may be made to the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS, https://www.hias.org/). May her memory be a source of strength and a blessing. Funeral arrangements provided by Hebrew Funeral Association, West Hartford.

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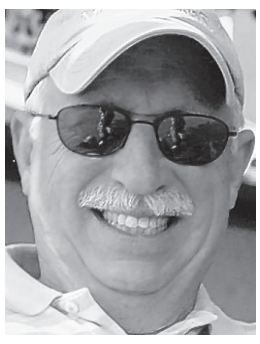
DuPont, Gilbert W.



Gilbert W. DuPont, 77, of Manchester, peacefully passed away on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford with his loving wife of 53 years, Lucille (Monaco) DuPont at his side. Born in Manchester, he was the son of the late George and Irene (Handfield) DuPont.

Gil was a kind, loving and gentle friend who spread happiness with his warm smile, generous heart and contagious sense of humor. He was a renowned spinner of tall tales, keeping all audiences hung on his words.

A proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Gil served during the Vietnam War, retiring after 4 years, 1 month, 13 days, 5 hours, 3 minutes and 37 seconds. He worked as an electrician for 47 years but left a number of unfinished home electrical projects on his honey-do list.

In addition to his wife, Gil is survived by his daughters, Kendra Wallace and her husband Randy of Manchester, Leslee Ruggeri and her husband Mark of Woodstock; his grandchildren, Braden Wallace, Mariangela Ruggeri, Callen Wallace and Mia Ruggeri. Gil was one of thirteen children and is survived by six brothers and sisters.

Gil's greatest moments were spent being Pépère to his 4 grandchildren and his beloved granddog, Miley. Gil always gave his heart, wisdom and time to all. The family has requested that remembrances in his honor be made in the form of a charitable donation to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Tribute Program, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN.

Services will be private and will be scheduled at the convenience of the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gilman Funeral Home & Crematory, 104 Church St, Putnam, CT.

Please visit Gil's memorial guestbook at www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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Nascimbeni, Benedict W.

Benedict W. Nascimbeni, age 72, passed away peacefully at home on March 23, 2022, with his loving wife Carolyn by his side. Born in Hartford on June 9, 1949, he was the son of the late Sophie (Markowski) and Giovanni Nascimbeni. Ben graduated Suffield High School in 1967 and went on to earn his degree in business administration/accounting from the University of Connecticut. Ben married his high school sweetheart Carolyn (Sutton); they were married for over 53 years. Ben and Carolyn were inseparable.

After one year working at a reputable accounting firm in Hartford, he chose to resign. With empty pockets and a truckload of ambition, Ben and Carolyn purchased their first farm in East Windsor. Their first crops were tobacco, tomatoes and sweet corn, all of which continued on as Ben and Carolyn eventually settled in Southwick, MA. Their business, Meadow View Farms, was built upon hard work, devotion and love. Ben and Carolyn's passion quickly developed into a successful retail flower business. Ben also became a very reputable and respected tobacco leaf and seed grower.

Ben enjoyed time spent with his family and friends. He loved to read and had a wide range of interests such as NASCAR, UFOs, Sunday drives, history and golf. Ben also loved to talk politics and was well versed in all current events.

Ben worked, lived and played on the farm. He worked alongside people who became his family. Ben's positivity, quick wit and infectious laugh inspired all those around him. His integrity and stewardship of the land was remarkable. He was a humble and generous man who was loved, is missed, and will always be cherished.

He is survived by the love of his life and devoted caregiver, Carolyn Nascimbeni of Southwick; loyal and trusted friends and growers, Juan Mercado and Winston Planter; loving sister and caregiver, Beverly Paganelli and her husband Gary; brother and sister in law, Paul and Jean Sutton; nieces, nephews, great nephews, great nieces, great-great nephew; and his devoted farm family.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 29, at The Heritage Funeral Home, 1240 Mountain Road, West Suffield from 2:00 - 4:00 pm and 6:00 - 8:00 pm. A brief prayer vigil will follow.

Memorial Donations may be made to the charity of your choice in memory of Ben Nascimbeni, 120 College Highway, Southwick, MA, 01077. For online condolences please visit: www.SuffieldFuneralHome.com

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Pizzoferrato, Cristina (Liberatore)

Cristina Pizzoferrato, 96, of Suffield, CT, beloved wife of the late Modesto Pizzoferrato, passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022 in Suffield, CT surrounded by her loving family. The family will receive relatives and friends 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, March 28th at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield, CT 06109. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29th at The Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect Street, Wethersfield, CT 06109. Everyone is invited to meet directly at the church. Burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut, 200 Executive Blvd, Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489, please include Cristina's name in the memo. For online condolences or to leave a memory of Cristina, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.

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Rehm , Marianne (Fritz)

Marianne Rehm, 91, passed away peacefully at home March 19th, 2022 surrounded by family. Marianne was the daughter of Wilhelm & Mathilde Fritz, born August 11th, 1930 in Backnang, Germany.

Marianne graduated high school and then married Werner Gunther Rehm, in Sulzbach, Germany. Marianne and Werner came to the United States in 1952, setting roots in West Hartford, Conn., where they raised their family before moving to New Hampshire in 1991. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed knitting baby clothes for family and friends. Marianne was always cooking and baking, making amazing food for family and friends. She and Werner were longtime members of the Third Congregational Church in Alstead, NH.

Survivors include her children, Bernd & wife JoAnn, Manfred & wife Cindy, Gerhard, and daughter Rosemary Rehm. She was a beloved "Oma" to three grandchildren, Annelise & husband Becker and great grandson Soren, Peter & wife Jean, and Eric. Marianne was predeceased by husband Werner of 64 years.

Per request of Marianne, there will be no services but plant flowers in her memory. Donation, in her name, may be given to Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services in Keene, NH

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Restelli, Joseph M.

On Wednesday, March 16, 2022, Joseph "Joe" M. Restelli, 86, a U.S. Army veteran, passed away peacefully at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, CT after a long and courageous health battle. Joe was born in New Britain, CT on May 16, 1935. He was the son of Joseph E. Restelli and Mary (Markus) Restelli. Joe went to St. Joseph School in New Britain, Mount St. Charles in Rhode Island, and graduated from New Britain High School. He attended Porter School of Design and worked as a draftsman at various companies. Joe loved summertime picnics, sports, and taking his great-nephews to baseball games. He especially loved watching the New Britain Rock Cats and Boston Red Sox. Joe was very proud of his extended family. He is survived by his beloved sister Louise Blackburn; his niece Lorraine Wicklund; his nephew Paul Pracon and wife Denise; his great-nephews Eric Wicklund and wife Jackie, Kyle Wicklund and wife Veronica; his great-niece Molly Calvo and husband Nick; and his great-grandniece Aubrey Calvo. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday April 1, 2022 at 11:00 AM at St. Francis of Assisi Church 1755 Stanley St. New Britain. Burial will be private. To send a condolence, please visit www.FarrellFuneralHome.com.

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Wheeler, Todd T

Todd Wheeler was born on January 30, 1964, in Hartford, CT. He passed away in his sleep after a long struggle with kidney disease on Sunday morning, March 20th. He was predeceased by his parents W. Donald Wheeler and Barbara (Babs) Wheeler of Rocky Hill. He is survived by his two brothers, Tony Wheeler of Massachusetts and Tim Wheeler of Washington State, two nieces Amanda and Alison, and a band of life-long friends.

Todd graduated from Rocky Hill High School in 1982 and Southern CT State University in 1986 earning a bachelor's degree in accounting. He was a hard worker and spent 30 years at Kircaldie Randall & McNab LLC where he would disappear each tax season from New Year's Day to April 16th. He had a very long client list who will surely miss their favorite tax preparer.

His sense of humor defined him. Of course, we weren't always in on the joke. His deeds and friendships earned him a path into heaven where he is likely trying to convince them they don't exist. He was a great story-teller, remembering details of people and events long forgotten with a comedic twist. He wasn't on a debate team. He was the debate team. He will be missed by everyone who was able to unmask him and see the genuine person he was. He was honest with himself, and everyone he met. It was a true gift.

Todd worked hard and enjoyed the fun times as well. He was a movie buff, a member of a large UConn Football Tailg8ers crew, and enjoyed all UConn sports through the years. He loved his Dolphins, imagining it was still 1972 and liked to hang out with Yankees fans so he could explain to them why the Sox were better.

His family and friends would like thank Lynn Thibodeau and the CNAs who loved and cared for him over the last 3 years. Melina, Linda, Erin, Omayra and Carin. His nurses Trisha, Mirja, Derlyne, Michelle, Christina, Francis and Chris Olson and to ALL the staff at Bel Air Manor in Newington, CT.

Todd we will all miss you. Services will be private. If you wish, donations may be made to his favorite charity, the Jimmy Fund, in his honor.

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DeBerry, Charles Edward

Charles Edward "Chuck" DeBerry, Jr., the first child of Margaret Annie McRae DeBerry and the late Charles Edward DeBerry, Sr., departed this life on Friday, March 18, 2022.

He leaves to celebrate his life: his wife, Robyn Oliver; children, Hayley DeBerry and Rudy DeBerry, and their mother, Robin Thompson; sisters, Gloria DeBerry Gallington (Raleigh) and Diana DeBerry Hinton (Robert); brother, Jeremiah A. DeBerry (Corlisse); nieces, Leighanne Gallington, and Lauren and Jessica Hinton; nephews, Raleigh Charles Gallington, Jeremiah Gallington, Joseph Hinton, and Justin and Clark DeBerry; and several aunts, uncles, many cousins, other relatives, and friends.

His family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 30, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., with a Celebration of Life, 12 p.m., at the Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Rd., Windsor. Burial will be private.

His family has established the Charles E. DeBerry, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund. If you feel moved to honor Chuck's memory and support Hartford's underprivileged youth, his family invites you to do so via the GoFundMe fundraiser they have set up for that purpose. You can find the link, read the full obituary, or attend the service remotely by visiting www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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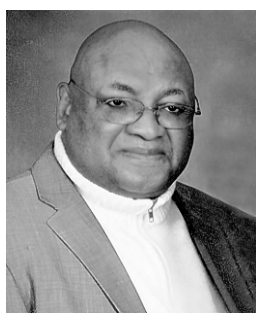
Henderson, Jr., Carl L.



Carl L. Henderson, Jr., 76, of East Hartford, CT, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. Carl was born to the late Carl L. Henderson, Sr. and Mary Henderson on May 5, 1945, in Pelahatchie, MS, and raised in Biloxi, MS.

A celebration of Carl's life will take place on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 11:00am with a calling hour from 10:00am – 11:00am at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service (A Division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services), 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Interment with Military honors will be held at Connecticut State Veterans Cemetery, 317 Bow Lane, Middletown, CT 06457. To leave a message of comfort for the Henderson family, view the full obituary and livestreaming of services, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com

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Hutchinson, Earl Francis

Earl Francis Hutchinson, 84, of Granby, died Saturday, March 19, 2022. He was born February 6, 1938 in Fall River, MA, son of the late George F. and Rose (Courville) Hutchinson (later, Rose Creelman). Earl was a veteran of the United States Air Force, where he put his photography skills to work by making maps of various locations throughout Europe. After being Honorably Discharged in 1960, Earl worked as a photolithographer at Finlay in Bloomfield for many years prior to his retirement. He had a passion for photography of all kinds, but especially loved historical, aircraft and nature photos.

He is survived by his children, Scott Hutchinson of Enfield and Karen Hutchinson of Waterbury; his sister, Nancy Blanchard of Stafford Springs; and his beloved grandchildren, Jillian and Marc of Waterbury. He was predeceased by his stepfather, Winfred Creelman; his nephew, Kevin Blanchard; and his brother-in-law, Kenneth Blanchard.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, April 1st starting at 11:30 AM, closing with a Catholic Prayer Service at 12:30 PM. Burial will follow at 2:00 PM in the State Veterans Cemetery on Bow Lane in Middletown. Donations in his memory may be made to https://www.honorboundfoundation.org/donate-hbf/ Please visit Earl's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Lucas, Jean R (Lanteigne)

Jean Rose Lucas (Lanteigne) 84 from Manchester passed away February 7, 2022, at home with her loving son Greg at her side. Born and raised in Hartford, she then moved to the PROJECTS (veterans' terrace) in East Hartford so us kids could have the best childhood in the world. Mom was predeceased by dad (Allen). She leaves behind her 5 children, Mark & wife Diane, Julie, Alan & wife Tanya, Linda, Greg, and grandson Devin Raeli. She was the mom that came to all the midget football, little league games and when needed she drove the station wagon filled to the brim with kids to the away games. She was also the mom that made us bring trays of cupcakes to school on class occasions. Mom loved her flower gardens; even in the middle of brick city she had us bring in topsoil for her flowers. After moving to Manchester, she spent many hours playing in the dirt watching and feeding the birds. As a youth mom raised and raced pigeons with her father.

Burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

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OBITUARIES

Andreski, Susanne M (Hearsch)

Susanne entered eternal life on March 4, 2022. She was born on May 4, 1941 in Flint, Michigan but spent her growing up years in Bad Axe, Michigan. Her parents are the late Francis J. Hearsch Sr. and Ida Berniece (Krohn) Hearsch. She is survived by her children LeAnn Bruzewski (Ken), Lori Peterson, and Paul Andreski; her siblings Francis Hearsch Jr. (Susan Chirco), Michael Hearsch (Arlene), Elaine Wiatr (Robert) of Niantic, CT, David Hearsch (Linda) and Grace Hearsch (Richard); grandchildren Craig Corcoran, Tori Hanis (Kyle), Tyler Peglow (Sara Robbins), Morgan (Ben) Gardner, and Kathryn Peterson; great-grandchildren Josie, Zane, Esme', Aubrey, Tyler Jr., Lauren and many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents she was predeceased by her brother, Richard. A Memorial Mass will be held on April 2, 2022 at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick and St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St, Hartford, CT. The family will receive friends in the church from 9-9:45 a.m. prior to the Mass.

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Walker, Sabrina L.(Facas)

Sabrina L. (Facas) Walker, 45, of East Hartford, passed away with family by her side on Thursday, March 24, 2022 after a short but courageous battle with cancer. She was born in New London on July 10, 1976 to Hendrick and Gail (Bowen) Facas. She was a licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselor who worked as a clinical supervisor at the Health Care Resource Center in Hartford. She graduated from Waterford High School in 1994 and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's degree in Psychology, both from The University of New Haven. She loved working with people, which led her to open her own therapy practice.

Sabrina married Edward Walker in April of 2005. They welcomed their first child Ariel in 2007 and their second child Mason in 2010. Her children meant the world to her, and there is nothing she wouldn't have done for them. She was a member of St. Ann's Church in Waterford, where she was married and had both of her children baptized. She lived life to its fullest and loved spending time with her children. She would take them on vacations to Disney, on family cruises to the Caribbean, basically anywhere with palm trees and sun. She loved to do any and all things that involved family and friends. She was an avid collector of anything with a Palm Tree. When not traveling you could find her curled up with a good book and a cup of coffee or taking walks with her kids.

In addition to leaving her husband Edward and two children Ariel and Mason, she leaves behind a brother, Hendrick Facas II and wife Melissa of Manchester, CT, a sister, Anissa Starr and husband David of Lisbon, CT. She also leaves behind brothers-in-law Michael and wife Mary Walker of California, David and wife Jackie Walker of Glastonbury, sisters-in-law Debbie Green of East Hartford and Nancy Shasha of South Windsor. She also leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her father Hendrick Facas, I.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday (March 31, 2022) at 10:30 am at St. Ann Melkite Greek Catholic Church, 41 Cross Road, Waterford, CT. Private burial will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family. Everyone is asked to please go directly to the church on Thursday morning. Relatives and friends may call at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford on Wednesday (March 30, 2022) from 4 -7 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to her children's' educational fund in care of Ariel and Mason Walker, 77 Holly Road, East Hartford, CT 06118. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family please visit www.desopoeh.com.

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In Loving Memory Of
LUCREZIA A BATTISTONE
3/27/1929 - 8/23/2021

THOUGH YOUR WINGS WERE READY, OUR HEARTS WERE NOT

Mom/Mama/Loretta

As you celebrate your first birthday in Heaven, we hold you in our hearts. Missing you every day, until we meet again. We love you.

LuAnn, Anthony, JoAnn, Andy, and family

In Loving Memory Of
RICHARD A. 'DICK' FRACASSO

11/09/1942 - 3/27/2017

Sadly missed along life's way, quietly remembered every day. No longer in our life to share, but in our hearts you're always there.

Ann, Amy, Tony, Alan, Tim, Olivia, and Matt

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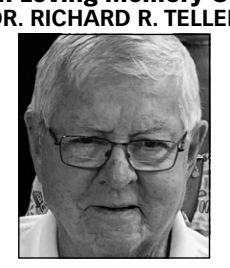

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It has been a year since you have been gone…you are loved and missed not just today, but every day. There are many fond memories that warm our hearts and bring a smile to our faces when thinking of you. Remembered and loved always, your wife Barbara, children, and grandchildren.

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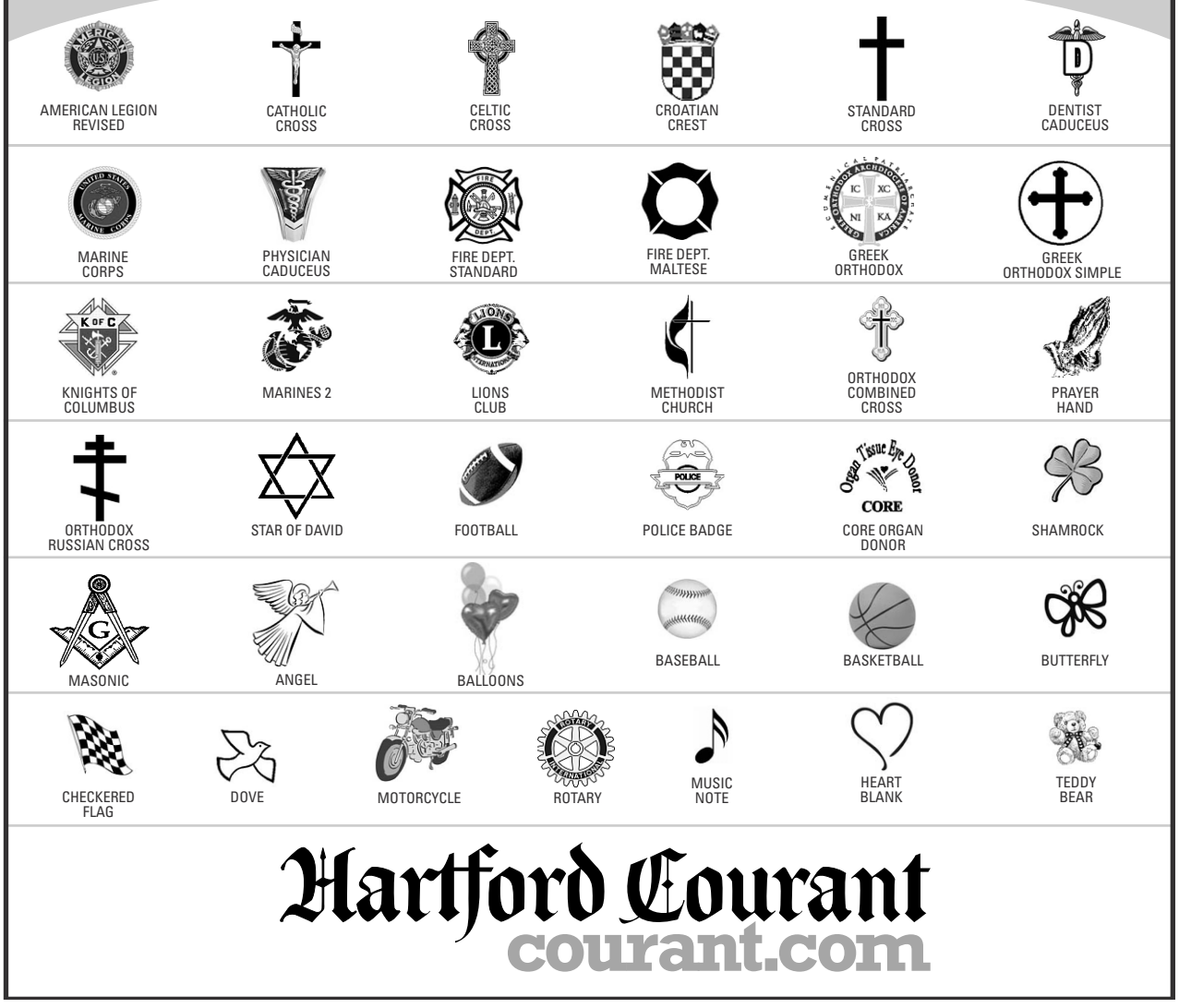

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Members of the Connecticut State Police 131 Training Troop recite their Code of Honor at the Hartford State Armory during a ceremony Thursday in which 53 recruits graduated. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

EDITORIAL

A test of integrity

Mistakes were made in the state police exam, but most acted honorably. The few who didn't must pay the price.

It appears the cheating was relatively easy to accomplish.

Test documents were uploaded early, and there they were for the taking.

Yet, according to the Connecticut State Police, the majority of trooper recruits who found it there closed it when they realized it was a test scheduled for later that day. It was just eight state police recruits who accessed an exam online and allegedly opened it and began filling it out before the allotted time, according to a state police internal investigation report obtained by The Courant.

Those eight recruits have since been fired, and that was the right decision by state police.

There is no room in police work for even the perception of wrongdoing by an officer. While we all make mistakes, and hopefully learn from them, in police work a record of cheating could create questions about that trooper's or officer's work and character, and therefore questions about justice for any of us.

It does not create any excuse, but we know there was some confusion due to the way the exam was posted. This included that the test, administered by the state police Bureau of Professional Standards and Compliance, initially was to take place remotely because of COVID-19 concerns, but was switched to in-person days in advance, according to the report. Further, it was uploaded to an online portal under "documents" instead of "tests," according to the IA report, and while most recruits opened it, the majority closed it when they realized it was the exam they were set to take later that day, The Courant's Alex Putterman reported.

Some of the fired recruits told investigators they thought they were filling out a study guide, while others admitted to knowingly cheating, the investigation says.

It was troubling that, according to the IA, witnesses reported that two recruits were allegedly cheating, and six others confessed when a commander said he would have IT look through their computers.

And it should be noted that the firing of these recruits came as state police need to increase its drooping ranks, which also could take a hit with massive impending retirements expected in the Connecticut workforce.

Given the circumstances, the police union leader agreed with the agency's decision to fire the recruits.

State police union Executive Director Andrew Matthews summed up the situation neatly: "If you're going to cheat on a test, what else would you cheat on?"

"You can't really do the job of a state trooper," Matthews said.

Col. Stavros Mellekas, the commander of the state police, importantly noted that while the "set of circumstances" was "very unfortunate," the department must not take such allegations lightly.

"From start to finish, we demand that our recruits maintain the integrity of the Connecticut State Police," Mellekas said.

Mellekas is right on both counts. If the standards were not kept high, the department would lose credibility.

And while it was unfortunate that a mistake apparently gave early access to this test, it is fortunate for the department and residents of Connecticut that the majority of the recruits seeking to become troopers in this class did the right thing.

We congratulate the remaining 53 members of the 131st Training Troop, who graduated from the state police academy Thursday.

Will scandal go away with Colangelo's departure?

Kevin Rennie

Chief State's Attorney Richard Colangelo departs from his job as the state's top prosecutor on Thursday, 26 months after he claimed the prize. Colangelo retired before he could potentially be fired over his central role in a hiring scandal that will not go away.

Less than six months into the job, Colangelo hired Anastasia Diamantis, daughter of Gov. Ned Lamont's deputy budget chief, Konstantinos Diamantis. Colangelo gave Ms. Diamantis a $99,000 a year job as a vaguely defined executive assistant. Colangelo's hiring Ms. Diamantis was preceded and followed by his persistent efforts to win raises from the budget office for himself and 15 other state's attorneys.

The revelation of Ms. Diamantis's job, first reported in this column last October, prompted Lamont to hire former U.S. Attorney Stanley Twardy to investigate her hiring. Twardy's Feb. 1 report revealed the details of how Colangelo gave Ms. Diamantis a job. On the day the report was released, the public learned of a federal investigation of the state's school construction financing program and the State Pier project in New London, both headed by Mr. Diamantis.

Twardy provided some details on a second job Ms. Diamantis quietly obtained—working for Construction Advocacy Professionals, or CAP. Twardy reported that Ms. Diamantis told investigators that "the owner of CAP called her out of the blue and offered her the job." CAP, owned by Antonietta Roy, worked on school construction projects at the time and appears to have been a favorite of Mr. Diamantis.

In seven paragraphs of his 39-page report, Twardy exposed the issues related to the public interest that the relationship between Colangelo and Mr. Diamantis had become by the summer of 2021. There was trouble at CAP. A former employee was allegedly making threats against Roy and others in a series of voicemail messages, the report says.

The former employee, according to Twardy's investigation, accused Ms. Roy of hiring Anastasia Diamantis as "'a ghost employee' at CAP." The threats were reported to the police and maybe or maybe not to Colangelo.

The incident with the threats may have been how Colangelo learned of Ms. Diamantis's job with CAP. Or maybe not. Ms. Diamantis is not sure. Colangelo thinks someone from the state police may have told him more than a year after he hired her, Twardy's report revealed. However, state police Col. Stavros Mellekas told investigators that "no state police officials involved in the investigation of the former CAP employee threats spoke to Mr. Colangelo about the threats."

Colangelo said he could not remember who from the state police told him about the threats but thought the police could have been concerned the former CAP employee "might show up at the Chief State's Attorney's Office in Rocky Hill," the reports says. Not according to state police. Mellekas told investigators there would have been no reason to tell Colangelo about the incident, the reports says.

Colangelo, Twardy points out, "did not recall asking for the name of the former CAP employee who allegedly made the threats or taking any action to advise anyone in the Chief State's Attorney's Office. ... Colangelo stated that he did not discuss the threats with Anastasia." What a web. A former CAP employee is allegedly claiming he knows about an inappropriate deal — and veteran prosecutor Colangelo, still seeking support for raises for himself and others, is not curious, let alone alarmed?

According to Twardy, only after twice telling investigators that he learned about the threats from the state police did Colangelo acknowledge that "Mr. Diamantis might also have told him." It appears he did. In a text message from Diamantis to the state police on July 27, 2021, Diamantis wrote that the individual allegedly "sent out email to world upset my daughter. ... I found other [police departments] had to deal with him. I don't want my daughter upset. I told Rich [Colangelo] too."

In a recent media blitz, Diamantis declined to say how his daughter was hired by CAP. Also, no one has yet fully explained how a Bristol construction company that had never built a school was given a no-bid contract for the emergency construction of a Tolland school. Many essential facts remain inaccessible to the public.

One does not: Colangelo was too close to a powerful state official who has attracted the attention of a federal criminal investigation. He should have been gone months ago.

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OPINION

Airport redevelopment the right move for Hartford

By James Sanchez

The city of Hartford would like the 201 acres where Brainard Airport stands to be redeveloped. "The inability for our city to collect the appropriate taxes from such a large piece of land places Hartford at a disadvantage," writes James Sanchez of the Hartford City Council. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

On Oct. 12, I submitted a resolution that was adopted unanimously by my colleagues on the Hartford City Council. This resolution addressed a parcel of land, approximately 201 acres, known as Brainard Airport/Airfield. It is my belief that this land is underutilized and offers little direct benefit to the city of Hartford.

As an elected leader, we have a tremendous opportunity to prioritize equitable development that will enhance the economic mobility of our residents. Brainard Airport occupies land that is 100% tax revenue exempt and 99% personal property exempt.

The inability for our city to collect the appropriate taxes from such a large piece of land places Hartford at a disadvantage. This loss of revenue impacts homeowners, renters and businesses that must pay more to help make up the difference.

In fact, Hartford currently has the second highest mill rate in the state, creating an unnecessary barrier to sustainable small businesses, startups and home ownership.

Additionally, the fuel used by the planes flying out of the airport presents an environmental and health risk that further disenfranchises a population that already suffers from poor health.

The fundamental reality is that Hartford does not receive adequate returns from the airfield to justify its operation.

Our land value estimate from 2016 totaled nearly $29.5 million, which if taxed, would produce an annual tax bill of $1.5 million.

Today, our total estimated value for the airport is almost $43 million, which would produce an annual tax bill of $2.2 million. This projected revenue could be invested into meaningful programs to help break the cycle of generational and systemic poverty that persists in Hartford.

I think it is important to understand a few key points and facts:

1. Per town and city clerk records, from July 1, 2020, to May 18, 2021, the city of Hartford collected a meager $8,720 in aircraft registration fees.
2. According to our city assessor, in terms of business personal property, the city of Hartford has collected a nominal $13,500 per year for the last two fiscal years.
3. Bill No. 1095 introduced in January 1993 made aircraft exempt from local taxes and has stifled all applicable fees.
4. Our state PILOT payment in 2019 included approximately $360,000 for the airport and was increased by only $9,000 in the following fiscal year.

The fact of the matter is that Hartford currently subsidizes support services for the entire region through the hospitals, government buildings, nonprofits and universities that call our city home. These essential institutions provide tremendous value to our neighboring cities and towns and help support individuals experiencing homelessness, people struggling with addiction, students, families, the elderly and many more.

However, none of these entities can be taxed. To add to this list only exacerbates our financial shortcomings.

I'm a Hartford native proudly serving on city council since 2016. As a lifelong resident, it is my duty to help forge a future that is prosperous for my community.

I believe the redevelopment of Brainard Airport will enhance the quality of life for Hartford residents and the entire region. For all these reasons and more, I am proud to sponsor this effort.

James Sanchez is on the Hartford City Council.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tough questions if we're all-in on EVs

Before Connecticut goes all-in on electric vehicles, we should answer some questions. How many gas stations are within a mile of your house? How many different companies and different products at different prices? Now, how many companies can provide electricity? In West Hartford, there is one company that provides power to all houses and businesses in town.

Sure, some people have solar and some homes and businesses have generators as backups, but all electricity, regardless of which company generates it, comes from Eversource.

Imagine the power goes out. You wake up to find your vehicles have not been charging overnight and are low on power. You could go to one of the town lots that have charging stations, but what if they are out too? Or what if there is a line of cars? What if this is not a short "squirrel jumped in the transformer" outage but a multiday outage?

If we're going all-in on EVs, we need to make improvements to our infrastructure. We need massive hardening of our grid and much better protection against outside hacks. We need micro-providers instead of the massive, one company for much of New England structure we have now. We need true choice of who provides our electricity and the ability to change that choice as easily as I decide to buy from a different gas station.

And if you're going all-in on EVs, you better buy a generator.

Aaron Frank, West Hartford

Frank's opinion pieces paint wrong picture

I read both of former Rep. Gary Franks' opinion pieces [March 8, "Using banks to stop tanks — will it work?" and March 13 "In push for peace, sanctions not the answer"]. They were both airings of grievances of a politician out of power and pedantic history lessons. While Rep. Franks links sanctions against the Empire of Japan leading to the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he neglects the failure of diplomacy in Europe.

I hope Rep. Franks does not think the solution to Vladimir Putin's aggression is Neville Chamberlin's solution: appeasement. His opinion piece certainly suggests that solution.

Mark Molloy, West Hartford

Another unfair advantage for UConn women

It is an absolute joke that the UConn women's basketball team will be playing in Bridgeport and once again could get to the Final Four without leaving the state. North Carolina State is the No. 1 seed, yet would essentially be playing a road game in the regional final.

Of course, everybody knows why the feckless NCAA made this decision. If the NCAA put No. 2 seed UConn somewhere else, it would not draw, but it will in Bridgeport, and that was the NCAA's only motivation.

Bob Birge, Bridgeport

Solution for turning back the clocks

The U.S. Senate passed a bill to make daylight saving time permanent. When the bill reaches the House the debate will probably center on whether to keep standard time instead. Why don't they just change the clocks half an hour and then leave them alone?

Paul Altieri, New Britain

GOP's short memory on border enforcement

It is heartening to see our elected Republicans in Congress along with the Democrats expressing shock and repulsion as they witness the separation of mothers from their children at the Ukraine-Poland border. I wonder what changed from the 2017 Republican attitude of forced mother and child separation at our southern border. Some atrocities stick in one's mind and for good reason.

Michael Cashman, Newington

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COMMENTARY

Vladimir Putin obsessed with reversing history

Carl P. Leubsdorf

Earlier this month, Mikhail Gorbachev celebrated his 91st birthday in obscurity at his home near Moscow, the forgotten leader of Russia's brief, unsuccessful move toward democracy at home and on its borders.

It's been more than three decades since Gorbachev presided over the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the liberation of its satellite nations. One of democracy's greatest modern triumphs, Vladimir Putin called it "the greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the (20th) century."

Recognizing its economic weaknesses, Gorbachev acquiesced in the Soviet empire's peaceful breakup. He refused to intervene as the nations on its western and southern flanks reembraced democracy and renounced their Cold War-era ties.

That's the history Putin wants to reverse with his brutal, unprovoked attempt to subjugate Ukraine — one of the onetime Soviet republics that joined Eastern European nations in declaring independence.

The outcome remains in doubt, but the war has clearly not gone as Putin expected. The vaunted Russian military has met the fierce resistance of a people fighting for their homeland like the Russians themselves resisted the Nazi Wehrmacht in World War II, a history Putin knows well since his parents lived through the 28-month siege of Leningrad.

Putin's invasion raises the question of whether, in the 21st century, the power of the sword can prove mightier than the power of ideas, whether it is ultimately sustainable for an autocrat wielding military force to quash the natural yearning by peoples seeking freedom to live their lives and choose their leaders.

Russia and the West are not only engaged in a military and geopolitical battle, but one between the autocratic heritage of one and the democratic traditions of the other. Ukraine has made clear which side it prefers.

The brief Gorbachev era — and the presidency of his successor Boris Yeltsin — serve as a reminder that Russia did not have to wind up this way. But decades of political and economic corruption, and its lack of a democratic tradition, helped Putin undercut the era that Gorbachev defined by the words "perestroika" (restructuring) and "glasnost" (openness).

Even after Yeltsin forced Gorbachev from power less than two years later, life in the Russian capital continued that course, veteran CNN correspondent Nic Robertson said. "Nights in Moscow were wild with revelers dancing in — and often on — the bars."

But as the 21st century loomed, Yeltsin, alcoholic and unreliable, "plucked Putin from among the money-corrupted milieu in the Kremlin to replace him as Russian president — and, in return, Yeltsin, who had battled corruption allegations, got immunity from prosecution," Robertson said.

Initially, "there was a glimmer of the modernizer about Russia's new leader, but that reputation didn't last long," he said.

In time, the true Putin emerged.

But the West seemingly took two decades to realize Putin in no ways resembles the leader British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher hailed in 1984 as one with whom "we can do business" and with whom Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush negotiated significant nuclear arms cuts.

President Donald Trump claimed friendship with Putin but embarrassed the United States at their Helsinki summit by publicly accepting the Russian leader's disavowal of his interference in the 2016 presidential election.

Some Trump allies argue the former president's bluster and calculated uncertainty forestalled Russia from attacking Ukraine. John Bolton, the veteran GOP hardliner who was Trump's national security adviser, disputes that.

Biden, more clear-headed about Putin, initially seemed to think negotiation was possible. But when American intelligence concluded the Russian president was planning war, Biden not only responded forcefully but forged a degree of Western unity that seemed impossible beforehand.

Whatever ultimately happens, the outcome will be disastrous for Ukraine. Even if it survives, it will emerge as a battered, brutalized country, though one which President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's heroic leadership has enabled to hold its national head high. But it will also be disastrous for Russia and what could have been, had not Vladimir Putin — much like Donald Trump — been obsessed with reversing history instead of advancing it.

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How high inflation will come down

Paul Krugman

Rising prices will get worse before they get better. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has caused the prices of oil, wheat and other commodities to soar. Official measures of the cost of shelter don't yet fully reflect last year's surge in the cost of newly rented apartments. So there's still a lot of inflation in the pipeline.

A shopper walks through a grocery store March 13 in Washington, D.C. Inflation is driving grocery prices higher. **STEFANI REYNOLDS/GETTY-AFP**

The Federal Reserve, however, believes that high inflation will be a temporary phenomenon. Furthermore, the Fed believes that it can bring inflation down relatively painlessly — that it can achieve a so-called soft landing.

But doesn't this fly in the face of history? After all, the last time America had to bring high inflation under control, during the 1980s, the cost was immense. The unemployment rate soared to 10.8% and didn't get back to 1979 levels until 1987. Are there good reasons to believe that this time is different?

Actually, there are. The landing probably won't be as soft as the Fed envisions, but this time disinflation shouldn't, or at least needn't, be an extremely painful process.

To see why, we need to look at history more closely and appreciate the important differences between the last big inflation and our current situation.

Forty years ago, as many economists will tell you, inflation was "entrenched" in the economy. That is, businesses, workers and consumers were making decisions based on the belief that high inflation would continue for many years to come.

One way to see this entrenchment is to look at the wage contracts — typically for three years — that unions were negotiating with employers. Even then, most workers weren't unionized, but these deals are a useful indicator of what was probably happening to wage- and price-setting more generally.

So what did those wage deals look like? In 1979, union settlements with large companies that didn't include a cost-of-living adjustment specified an average wage increase of 10.2% in the first year and an annual average of 8.2% over the life of the contract. As late as 1981, the United Mine Workers negotiated a contract that would raise wages 11% annually over the next several years.

Why were workers demanding, and employers willing to grant, such big pay hikes? Because everyone expected high inflation to persist for a long time. In 1980, the Blue Chip survey of professional forecasters predicted 8% annual inflation over the next decade. Consumers surveyed by the University of Michigan expected prices to rise by about 9% annually over the next five to 10 years.

With everyone expecting inflation to continue, workers wanted raises that would keep up with rising prices, and employers were willing to grant those raises because they expected their competitors' costs to be rising as fast as their own. What this did, in turn, was make inflation self-perpetuating: Everyone was raising prices in anticipation of everyone else raising prices.

Ending this cycle required a huge shock — an economy so depressed both that inflation fell and that workers were compelled to accept major concessions.

Things are very different now. Back then almost everyone expected persistent high inflation; now few people do. Bond markets expect inflation eventually to return to pre-pandemic levels. While consumers expect high inflation over the next year, their longer-term expectations remain "anchored" at fairly moderate levels. Professional forecasters expect inflation to moderate next year.

This means that we almost surely aren't experiencing the kind of self-perpetuating inflation that was so hard to end in the 1980s. A lot of recent inflation will subside when oil and food prices stop rising, when the prices of used cars, which rose 41% (!) over the past year during the shortage of new cars, come down, and so on. The big surge in rents also appears to be largely behind us, although the slowdown won't show up in official numbers for a while. So it probably won't be necessary to put the economy through an '80s-style wringer to get inflation down.

That said, the Fed is probably too optimistic in believing that we can get inflation under control without any rise in unemployment. Statistical measures like the unprecedented number of unfilled job openings, anecdotal evidence of labor shortages and, yes, wage increases suggest that the job market is running unsustainably hot. Cooling that market off will probably require accepting an uptick in the unemployment rate, although not a full-on recession.

And for what it's worth, the Fed's plan for gradual rate hikes, which has already led to a major rise in mortgage rates, is likely to cause that unfortunately necessary cooling-off, especially combined with the fact that fiscal policy has turned contractionary as the big spending of early 2021 recedes in the rearview mirror.

So my message for those intoning dire warnings about the return of '70s-type stagflation — which some of them have been itching to do for years — is that they should look at their history more carefully. The inflation of 2021-22 looks very different, and much easier to solve, from the inflation of 1979-80.

Krugman is a columnist for The New York Times.

Author provides insight into the secrets of lasting friendships

David Brooks

In early 2020, just before the start of the pandemic, I met a woman who said she practiced "aggressive friendship." It takes a lot of her time, but she's the person who regularly invites friends over to her house, who organizes events and outings with her friends. What a fantastic way to live.

I thought of her while reading Robin Dunbar's recent book, "Friends." If the author's name means something to you, it's probably because of Dunbar's number. This is his finding that the maximum number of meaningful relationships most people can have is somewhere around 150. How many people are invited to the average American wedding? About 150. How many people are on an average British Christmas card list? About 150. How many people were there in early human hunter-gatherer communities? About 150.

Dunbar argues that it's a matter of cognitive capacity. The average human mind can maintain about 150 stable relationships at any given moment. These 150 friends are the people you invite to your big events — the people you feel comfortably altruistic toward.

He also argues that most people have a circle of roughly 15 closer friends. These are your everyday social companions — the people you go to dinner and the movies with. Within that group there's your most intimate circle, with roughly five friends. These are the people who are willing to give you unstinting emotional, physical and financial help in your time of need.

Dunbar argues that the closeness of a friendship is influenced by how many things you have in common. "You are twice as likely to share genes with a friend as you are with any random person from your local neighborhood," he writes. People tend to befriend those who have similar musical tastes, political opinions, professions, worldviews and senses of humor. You meet a new person. You invest time in getting to know this person, and you figure out which friendship circle you are going to slot him or her into.

Time is one crucial element in friendship. Jeffrey Hall, an expert in the psychology of friendship, studied 112 University of Kansas first years and found that it took about 45 hours of presence in another person's company to move from acquaintance to friend. To move from casual friend to meaningful friend took another 50 hours over a three-month period, and to move into the inner close friend circle took another 100 hours.

People generally devote a lot more time to their inner circles than to their outer circles. Dunbar found that over the course of a month, people devote about 8.5 hours to each of their five closest friends, and they devote a bit more than two hours a month (basically a dinner or a lunch) to the next 10 who complete their 15-person circle. They devote, on average, less than 20 minutes a month to the other 135 people in their larger friend circle.

These are averages. We each have our own friendship style. Extroverts spend their social energy across more people and have more but weaker close friendships. Introverts invest in fewer people but have stronger ties to them.

The other crucial factor in friendship is social skill, and this is something that, as a society, we don't take seriously enough. This has become a passionate conviction for me over the past decade. Social life is fast, complex and incredibly demanding cognitively. Americans have only recently begun to teach social and emotional skills in schools, and there are plenty of reasons to believe that online life erodes those skills. But our happiness in life, as well as our health and fulfillment, is hugely dependent on our ability to be skillfully understanding of and considerate toward others. A lot of the bitterness and alienation in our country flows from the fact that our social skills are inadequate to the complex society we now live in.

Psychologists Michael Argyle and Monika Henderson identified some of the social actions on which friendships are based: standing up for friends when they are not around, sharing important news with them, confiding vulnerabilities with them, providing emotional support when it's needed.

A lot of the important skills are day-to-day communications skills: throwing the conversation back and forth without interrupting, adding something meaningful to what the other person just said, telling jokes, reminiscing about the past, anticipating how the other person might react to your comment so you can frame it in a way that's most helpful.

Dunbar and his colleagues Neil Duncan and Anna Marriott sampled conversations other people were having in coffee shops and other venues and found that two-thirds of the conversation time was spent talking about social topics. Dunbar's research also suggests that the average person can expect to have a close relationship break down about every 2.3 years. That's roughly 30 relationship breakdowns over an adulthood — usually over things like lack of care and poor communication.

I find Dunbar's work fascinating, though like so much of the social sciences, it focuses on what can be quantified across populations, so it misses what is particular and unique about each friendship.

Most of this research was done many years ago. Reading it in the context of COVID-19, I often had a sense that I was glimpsing a lost world. Everything seems so fragile. As we gradually slog back to normal life, this might be the moment to take a friendship inventory, and to be aggressively friendly.

Brooks is a columnist for The New York Times.

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Real Art Ways has four full gallery spaces, a cinema and frequent special events, including a Harvey Fierstein book signing later this month. **CHRISTOPHER ARNOTT/HARTFORD COURANT**

Getting back on track

Real Art Ways has big plans for the future with a full gallery, regular cocktail hours

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Real Art Ways feels real again.

It'd be wrong to say that Real Art Ways is making a grand return, since that happened well over a year ago when the galleries and indoor movie screenings resumed in October of 2020 after a period of outdoor film and performance events.

But with all the galleries filled, the Creative Cocktail Hour happening for several months in a row after an omicron-induced pause, and the cinema running features and shorts that are all the buzz for the impending Oscars this month, RAW feels fully back on track.

The future already looked bright. Real Art Ways is deep in the planning stages for a major renovation that will add several more movie screens, reconfigure the gallery spaces, add a "really nice cafe" and increase the opportunity for more live performances, says Executive Director Will K. Wilkins.

The upcoming renovations are the result of Real Art Ways buying the 56 Arbor St. building that it has been leasing space in for decades. The purchase was finalized in December and RAW is about to kick off a fundraising campaign. Wilkins hopes the renovations will happen within the next two years.

Meanwhile, Wilkins says, "it's encouraging to see people come back."

RAW's decades-old tradition of Creative Cocktail Hours continues to happen on the third Thursday of every month. The gallery schedule has stabilized after a period when certain shows were extended or postponed because of COVID.

Crowds are gathering again, but the latest gallery exhibit explores isolation. New Haven-

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TobyMac, Tattoo Expo, 'Evan Hansen'

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Todd Alsup plays Elton John, April 1-3 at TheaterWorks Hartford. **MATT BAKER**

The closest thing to an April Fool's joke in this weeks' arts highlights might be the perverse podcasters Last Podcast on the Left, who can turn any theme into a horror show, or the hit musical "Dear Evan Hansen," a high school story founded on a cunning deception. Some might think that impersonating famous rock stars might be some form of prank, yet Todd Alsup's Elton John and Jason Reed's Chris Cornell are labors of love and respect, no joke.

TobyMac's back

Christian pop singer/rapper/producer TobyMac first gained fame in the 1990s with the band DC Talk. He's had a solo career for 20 years now, and enjoys touring with other Christian acts as the "Hits Deep Tour." The tour, featuring TobyMac & the DiverseCity Band,Crowder, CAIN, Cochren & Co. and Terrian, comes to the XL Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Hartford on March 29 at 7 p.m. $10. xlcenter.com.

You will be found

The Broadway hit "Dear Evan Hansen" is a contemporary high school saga of popularity, depression, lies, honor, romance and redemption. The show's national tour hits The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford from March 29 through April 3. Performances are Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 6:30 p.m. $45-$200. bushnell.org.

Sad songs say so much

Singer/pianist Todd Alsup, who has performed for TheaterWorks Hartford's "Living Room

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Work by Judith Secco is on view at Spectrum Gallery in Centerbrook. **JUDITH SECCO**

Connecticut museums, galleries offering exhibits

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Connecticut is rich with art galleries, museums and artists in all corners of the state, with gorgeous and engaging exhibits opening every week. Venues that are open to the public, as well as outdoor exhibits, are listed. Visit their websites for social distancing rules.

Hartford County

Amistad Center for Art & Culture, inside the Wadsworth Atheneum at 600 Main St. in Hartford: "Changing Lanes: Mobility in Connecticut," a show of historic artifacts about the limitations of African Americans' mobility, is up until April 3. amistadcenter.org.

New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington St.: "North America Divided," which pairs 19th-century landscapes and genre

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scenes with works by contemporary artists Neil Jenney and Valerie Hegarty, is up until March 2023. "Walter Wick: Summer, Autumn, Winter and Happily Ever After" is up until April 1. "American Art in New Britain: The Evolution of the NBMAA" is up until Oct. 1. "Permanent Collection Installation: People and Places in America, 1960s to Today" is up until May 1. "Eva LeWitt" is up until Nov. 11, 2023. "The Poetry of Nature: Hudson River School Landscapes from the New-York Historical Society" is up to May 22. The Shantell Martin virtual reality space is now open. nbmaa.org.

Real Art Ways, 56 Arbor St. in Hartford: "Teeter/Totter Ken Morgan Peter Waite" is up until April 17. "Battlegrounds Elizabeth Flood" is up until June 12. realartways.org.

Art League of New Britain, 30 Cedar St.: CWA Connecticut Women Artists' annual members' juried show will be up from April 2 to 29. ctwomenartists.org. alnb.org.

Main Street in Hartford: A stroll down Main Street provides ample artworks to view. In front of the library, there is a sculpture by David Hayes and a statue of Mark Twain. Between City Hall and Wadsworth Atheneum is Alexander Calder's massive red "Stegosaurus." In front of the Atheneum are a newly refurbished statue of Nathan Hale and sculptures by Conrad Shawcross, Tony Smith and William Turnbull. Across the street from the Atheneumn is Carl Andre's "Stone Field Sculpture." Also across the street from the Atheneum is the Bushnell Towers sculpture garden. thewadsworth.org.

New England Air Museum, 36 Perimeter Road in Windsor Locks: An exhibit about New England women who made significant contributions to the history of aviation will be on permanent display. neam.org.

Mercy Gallery at Loomis Chaffee School, 4 Batchelder Road in Windsor: Artwork by Melanie Carr is on view through April 10. loomischaffee.org/arts/mercy-gallery.

Connecticut Historical Society, One Elizabeth St. in Hartford: "Albert's Odd Jobs: Making a Living in the 1800s" is up until April 16. "Common Struggle Individual Experience: An Exhibition About Mental Health" will be up until Oct. 15. Permanent exhibits are "Making Connecticut" and "Inn & Tavern Signs of Connecticut." chs.org.

Monastery Gallery of Art at the Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road in West Hartford: "In the Spirit of Trust" is up until June 19. monasterygallery.art.

Pond House Cafe, 1555 Asylum Ave. in West Hartford: Women's Spring Craft Celebration will be March 27 from 9 to 3 p.m. facebook.com/womenscraftcelebration.

Galleries @ WORK_SPACE, 903 Main St. in Manchester: "Inspiration: Blank Canvas Show 2022" will be up to April 20. workspacemanchester.com.

The Ethel Walker School, 230 Bushy Hill Road in Simsbury: ""Vex the Ending," a show of paintings by Steven Cabral and Tracy Hayes, is up until April 29. By appointment only by emailing calvarezdelugo@my.ethelwalker.org.

West Hartford Art League, 37 Buena Vista Road: "Members Annual Juried Exhibit," juried by Camilla Cook, is March 31 to May 1. westhartfordart.org.

Charter Oak Cultural Center, 21 Charter Oak Ave. in Hartford: "Invisible Suffering: The Art of Diana Aldrete" is up to April 14. charteroakcenter.org.

Farmington Valley Arts Center, 25 Arts Center Drive in Avon: A ceramics show, and "In Bloom: Buds and Blossoms" are up from April 2 to 30. artsfvac.org.

"Pleasure Beach, Bridgeport" by William Frucht is on exhibit at City Gallery in New Haven. **WILLIAM FRUCHT**

Barnes-Franklin Gallery at Tunxis Community College, 271 Scott Swamp Road in Farmington: "John Tsu: Images in Water" is up until April 5. tunxis.edu/campus-resources/barnes-franklin-gallery.

ArtWalk at Hartford Public Library, 500 Main St.: "Words in Clay, Words on Paper: James Finnegan & Michelle Cotugno" is up to April 23. hplct.org.

Windsor Art Center, 40 Mechanic St.: "Second Layer: Conversations Through Canvas by B.D. Stellmacher" will be up to April 23. windsorartcenter.org.

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, 600 Main St. in Hartford: "Nevine Mahmoud / MATRIX 188" is up to May 1. "Milton Avery" will be up to June 5. "Edward Russell Thaxter: Love's First Dream" is up to July 3. thewadsworth.org.

Art Gallery at University of Saint Joseph, 1678 Asylum Ave. in West Hartford: "Four Works by Ann McCoy" is up to May 28. usj.edu/arts/art-museum.

Clare Gallery at St. Patrick—St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St. in Hartford: "Beyond the Subject: Work by Fr. Michael Reyes O.F.M." will be up to May 23. spsact.org.

Gallery on the Green, on the town green in Canton: A member/guest exhibit and solo shows by Justine Ickes and Rob Loebell are up to April 16. galleryonthegreen.org.

Hans Weiss Newspace Gallery at Manchester Community College, on Great Path Road: Work by Berrisford Boothe will be up from March 28 to April 29. manchestercc.edu.

Middlesex County

Ezra and Cecile Zilkha Gallery at Wesleyan University in Middletown: Senior Thesis Exhibitions are up until April 24. wesleyan.edu/cfa.

College of East Asian Studies Gallery at Wesleyan University in Middletown: "Strong Bodies for the Revolution: Pursuing Health and Power in the People's Republic of China" is up to May 13. wesleyan.edu/cfa.

Wesleyan Potters, 350 South Main St. (Route 17) in Middletown: "Brooching the Subject," an exhibit and sale of handmade pins and brooches, is up until April 3. wesleyanpotters.com

Ashlawn Farm Coffee, 455 Boston Post Road in Old Saybrook: Digital artworks by Christian Rosstad will be on view to April 10. www.eyemazenart.com.

Spectrum Art Gallery, 61 Main St. in the Centerbrook section of Essex: "Animals and People in the Landscape" will be up until May 8. spectrumartgallery.org.

Litchfield County

James Barron Art, 17 Old Barn Road in Kent: "Deborah Brown: The Shadow Paintings, Four Seasons" is up from April 2 to May 21. jamesbarronart.com.

Craven Contemporary, 4 Fulling Lane in Kent: "Quite an Eyeful," works by artists who focus on eyes, is up until May 8. Artists include Julie Cockburn, Alice Neel, David Shrigley, Chris Levine, Tony Oursler, Mickalene Thomas and Alex Prager. artnet.com/galleries/craven-contemporary/artworks.

Carol Corey Fine Art, 6 North Main St. in Kent: "The Watercolors of Charles E. Burchfield and John Marin: Masters of the American Medium" and "At Water's Edge: Works by Dozier Bell, Lisa Lebofsky, James Mullen and Eileen Murphy" will be up to April 24. carolcoreyfineart.com.

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St. in the Falls Village section of Canaan: "Robert Cronin: Recent Paintings" is up to May 6. huntlibrary.org.

Five Points Annex, 17 Water St. in Torrington: "Personaland," with art by Florin Firimita, Cyd Gorman, Norell Gudaitis, Salvatore Gulino, Eric Hammer, John Johnson, MaryPat Leger, Victor Leger, Jose Martinez, Fran Patnaude, Paul Sakren, Gay Schempp, Stewart Wilson and Michael Yurgeles, will be on view from March 31 to April 10. fivepointsarts.org.

Five Points Gallery, 33 Main St. in Torrington: "Portraits in Red: Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Painting Project," with work by Nayana LaFond, and "Native Voices," with work by Justin Beatty, Nate Begay, Patrick Collins, Jason Montgomery and Rebekah Jarvey, will both be up from April 1 to May 7. fivepointsarts.org.

New Haven County

Yale University Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel St. in New Haven: "Midcentury Abstraction: A Closer Look" and "Recent Acquisitions" are up until June 26. "Gold in America: Artistry, Memory, Power" is up until July 10. artgallery.yale.edu.

Yale Center for British Art, 1080 Chapel St. in New Haven: "Bridget Riley: Perceptual Abstraction" is up until July 24. britishart.yale.edu.

Artspace, 50 Orange St. in New Haven: "Dyschronics: Work by Carolina Caycedo, Emily Jacir, Baseera Khan and Tsedaye Makonnen, will be up to April 16. artspacenh.org.

Palestine Museum US, 1764 Litchfield Turnpike, Suite 200, in Woodbridge: The museum is open by appointment only at palestinemuseum.us.

NXTHVN, 169 Henry St. in New Haven: "Let Them Roam Freely," work by Hong Hong and Darryl DeAngelo Terrell, is up to May 15. nxthvn.com.

Buley Gallery at Southern Connecticut State University, 501 Crescent St. in New Haven: "Salvador Dali Illustrates The Divine Comedy" is up to April 7. southernct.edu.

Henry Whitfield State Museum, 248 Old Whitfield St. in Guilford: "Weld-Built: The Guilford Architecture of William E. Weld" is on view. portal.ct.gov/ECD-Henry-WhitfieldStateMuseum.

New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Ave.: "Strange Times: Downtown New Haven in the COVID Era," "Children of the Elm City" and "Factory" are on view. newhavenmuseum.org.

Hamden Senior Center in the Miller Memorial Library Complex, 2901 Dixwell Ave.: Hamden Art League's annual Goldenbells exhibit will be up until May 17. hamdenartleague.org.

Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main St. in Waterbury: An American Lens: A History of Photography in Waterbury" is up until Dec. 31. "The Village Project," work by Denise Minnerly and Don Bracken, is up until May 8. "Two for the Road: Ernest Roth and André Smith in Europe" is up to May 15. mattmuseum.org.

Ely Center for Contemporary Art, 51 Trumbull St. in New Haven: Undercurrents," a group show curated by Kristina Newman-Scott, is up to April 24. Artists are Richard Bottwin, Joy Bush, Robert Carley, Jeremy Chandler, Alexandra Chiou, Zoe Cohen, Rima Day, Brooks Dierdorff, Christina Dietz, Daniella Dooling, Scott Glaser, Priya N. Green, Laurence Elle Groux, Clymenza Hawkins, Steven Holmes, Katie Hovencamp, Ruth Jeyaveeran, Laura Kern, Colleen Kiely, Zofie King, Susan Knight, Elizabeth Knowles, Cindy Konits, Terrence Lavin, K'La Lawson, Suzanne Levy, Crystal Marshall, Melinda McDaniel, Melissa Sutherland Moss, Sarah Nance, David Van Ness, Caleb Portfolio, Sarah Schneiderman, Sarah Sipling, Yuli Sung, Mami Takahashi, Kelsey Tynik, Anthony Warnick, Elizabeth West, Marjorie Wolfe, Shiqi Wu, Yichen Zhou and Despina Zografos elycenter.org.

Kehler Liddell Gallery, 873 Whalley Ave. in New Haven: "Expansion: Amanda Walker & Matthew Garrett" is up to April 17. kehlerliddellgallery.com.

Susan Powell Fine Art, 679 Boston Post Road in Madison: "Spring into Art" will be to April 15. Artists include Kathy Anderson, Patt Baldino, Del-Bourree Bach, Paul Beebe, Peter Bergeron, Zufar Bikbov, Stephanie Birdsall, Kelly Birkenruth, David Dunlop, Lisa Gloria, Tom Glover, Neal Hughes, Tom Hughes, James Magner, Leonard Mizerek, Jeanne Rosier Smith, Katie Swatland and George Van Hook. susanpowellfineart.com.

City Gallery, 994 State St. in New Haven: "6x6: An Invitational," with work by Rick Albee of Guilford, Judy Atlas of Milford, William Frucht of Danbury, Joyce Greenfield of New Haven, Abbie Griffths of New Haven, Sheila Kaczmarek of Guilford, Kathy Kane of East Haven, Esthea Kim of New Haven, Lenny Moskowitz of New Haven, Gary Recchia of Guilford, Ruth Sack of Cheshire, and Ellen Burnett of Weehawken, New Jersey, is up April 1 to May 1. city-gallery.org.

New London County

Hygienic Art Galleries, 79 Bank St. in New London: "The Crossing," a juried group show, is up to April 8. hygienic.org.

Gilbert V. Boro Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds, 80 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: The sculpture grounds, with works by Boro and other artists, is on private property but is open to the public. Boro asks guests not to enter any buildings. A YouTube video about the grounds, part of the Smithsonian Channel documentary series "America: Over the Edge," can be seen at gilbertboro.com.

Mystic Museum of Art, 9 Water St.: "Quilt National '21" is up to April 17. "More than Hot Type," a printmaking exhibit, is up to May 29. mysticmuseumofart.org.

Florence Griswold Museum, 96 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "New London County Quilts & Bed Covers, 1750-1825" is up to May 1. flogris.org.

Norwich Arts Center, 60 Broadway: Sandra Jeknavorian: Between Realms" is up April 1 to 30. norwicharts.org/exhibits.

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams St. in New London: "Norman Ives: Constructions & Reconstructions" is up to April 24. "Locations: Recent Work by Marian Bingham" is on view through April 10. "Unbeatable Women: Power and Innovation in the Work of Women Photographers," is up to June 19. lymanallyn.org.

Lyme Art Association, 90 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "An Exhibition in Four Acts 1: Poetry of Motion 2: Black and White 3: Renewal: Visions of Spring 4: Wanderlust" is up to April 7. lymeartassociation.org.

Fairfield County

Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, 258 Main St. in Ridgefield: "Milano Chow: Prima Facie," "Duane Slick: The Coyote Makes the Sunset Better" and "Karla Knight: Navigator" are up until May 8. "Amaryllis DeJesus Moleski: Portal Pieces" is up until May 29. aldrichart.org.

Silvermine Arts Center, 1037 Silvermine Road in New Canaan: Solo exhibits by Alexander Churchill and Jeremy Stenger are on view. silvermineart.org.

Bruce Museum, One Museum Drive in Greenwich: "Permanent Science Galleries: Natural Cycles Shape Our Land" is up until the end of the year. brucemuseum.org.

Center for Contemporary Printmaking in Mathews Park, 299 West Ave. in Norwalk: "A Show of Hands: Diane Cherr" is up until April 17. contemprints.org.

The Gallery at Still River Editions, 128 East Liberty St. in Danbury: Scratching the Surface: David Haislip" is up until May 27. stillriverediitions.com.

Hollis Taggart Southport, 330 Pequot Ave: "Beyond the Surface: Edward Holland, Will Hutnick, Emily Kiacz, Lizbeth Mitty and Erika Ranee," is up to April 30. hollistaggart.com.

Fairfield University Art Museum, 200 Barlow Road in Fairfield: "Adger Cowans: Sense and Sensibility" is in the Bellarmine Hall Galleries to June 18. "13 Ways of Looking at Landscape: Larry Silver's Connecticut Photographs" will be up until June 18. fairfield.edu/museum/

MoCA Westport, 19 Newtown Turnpike: "Punk is Coming," with work by Merrill Aldighieri, Amy Arbus, Emily Armstrong, William Badgley, Alex Bag, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Roberta Bayley, Janette Beckman, Celeste Bell, Richard Butler, Beth Collar, Jayne County, Jim Fields, Jill Furmanovsky, Danny Garcia, Richard Hambleton, Duncan Hannah, Tony Hope, Pat Ivers, David Johansen, Kevin Kerslake, Cindy Hudson Kral, Lynette Bean Kral, Ivan Kral, Helmut Lang, Jenny Lens, Linder, Judy Linn, John Lydon, Robert Mapplethorpe, Hans Neleman, Fabrika Ouch, Lisa Jane Persky, Thebe Phetogo, Amos Poe, Eileen Polk, Richard Prince, Dee Dee Ramone, Ruby Ray, Jamie Reid, Marcia Resnick, Ebet Roberts, Sheila Rock, Sue Rynski, Donna Santisi, Marian Schwindeman, Steven Sebring, Kate Simon, Penny Slinger, Patti Smith, Paul Sng, Julien Temple, Gail Thacker, Arturo Vega and Sally Webster, is up until June 5. mocawestport.org.

Tolland County

William Benton Museum of Art, 245 Glenbrook Road at UConn in Storrs: "Tradition and Transformation: Mithila Art of India" is up until July 31. benton.uconn.edu.

Homer Babbidge Library on the campus of UConn in Storrs: "Beth Pite, Colorscapes" is on view through the end of summer. lib.uconn.edu/about/exhibits.

Saxton B. Little Free Library, 319 Route 87 in Columbia: Artwork by Helen Cantrell is on show until May 31. columbiactlibrary.org.

Arts Center East, 709 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon: "Still Lifes and the Legacy of Charles Ethan Porter" will be up from April 1 to 30. artscentereast.org.

Windham County

Top Shelf Gallery at Fletcher Memorial Library, 257 Main St. in Hampton: "Work by Ann C. Rosebrooks is up until to April 30. fletchermemoriallibrary.org.

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Concerts" series (and was playing in the lobby when the theater unveiled its major renovations in 2019) has concocted, with the help of TheaterWorks' Producing Artistic Director Rob Ruggiero, a tribute to Elton John that focuses on some of the composer's more intimate work. It's a solo piano show, with four performances April 1-3 at TheaterWorks, 233 Pearl St., Hartford: Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. $30-$45, with a portion of ticket sales going to the Connecticut World AIDS Day Committee. twhartford.org.

Tatt's entertainment

The second annual New England Tattoo Expo at Mohegan Sun's April 1-3 at the Earth Expo and Convention Center, 1 Mohegan Sun Blvd., Uncasville, promising "live tattooing & piercings, 'Inkmaster' stars, celebrities, entertainment, vendors, music" and more. The expo is expected to bring in over 8,000 tattoo enthusiasts, including hundreds of national and international tattoo artists. April 1 from 4-11 p.m., April 2 from noon to 11 p.m. and April 3 from noon to 8 p.m. $20 per day, $40 for the weekend, children free. mohegansun.com.

Goofing on Chekhov

You might remember Christopher Durang's hit comedy "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" from when it was on Broadway in 2013, or at Hartford Stage in 2014. Durang's got a longtime thing for parodying Russian drama and literature; when he was at the Yale School of Drama in the 1970s, he wrote "The Idiots Karamazov." Vanya et al. carry on April 1-16 at the Little Theatre of Manchester at Cheney Hall, 177 Hartford Road, Manchester. Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. $19-$27. cheneyhall.org.

'You know my name'

"Superunknown: A Tribute to the Music of Chris Cornell" was created shortly after the Soundgarden singer's death in 2017. Vocalist/guitarist Jason Reed fronts a full band April 2 at 8 p.m. at Infinity Hall Hartford, 32 Front St., Hartford, with $28-$38. infinityhall.com.

Trolls on tour

"Trolls Live!," based on the animated films kids love — and indirectly on the long-haired ghoulish dolls their grandparents cherished in the 1960s — is visiting April 2 and 3 at the Oakdale, 95 S. Turpike Road, Wallingford. There are four shows, Saturday and Sunday at both 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. $15-$59 plus a $109 VIP package. oakdale.com.

Horror show

"Last Podcast on the Left" has lasted a decade already, with hosts Ben Kissel, Marcus Parks and Henry Zebrowski delving into "all things horror," real or imagined. They head out regularly on tour, and on April 2 at 8 p.m. they'll be haunting the Great Cedar Showroom at Foxwoods Resort Casino, 350 Trolley Line Blvd., Mashantucket. $50 and $60. foxwoods.com.

Off to see the wizard, with a symphony

While waiting for the next time the Hartford Symphony Orchestra accompanies a "Harry Potter" movie (in late April), you can find the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra playing live alongside the family film classic "The Wizard of Oz" April 2 at 4 p.m. at the Palace Theater, 100 East Main St., Waterbury. $20-$70. palacetheaterct.org.

Wartime worries set to music

"Dear Erich" is a jazz opera written and performed by Ted Rosenthal, who premiered it in 2018. It's based on letters written by the composer's grandmother to his father Erich Rosenthal in Germany while World War II was raging between 1938 and 1941. Erich, a Jewish scholar, had fled to the U.S. prior to Kristallnacht. Rosenthal brings his epistolary jazz opera to Charter Oak Cultural Center, 21 Charter Oak Ave., Hartford on April 2 at 8:15 p.m. in a concert version sung by vocalists from the NYC Opera premiere and played by the Ted Rosenthal Trio. $10-$25. charteroakcenter.org.

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Marine veteran helps TV show understand war

LaPorta finds solace advising 'This Is Us' about depicting military authentically

By James LaPorta
Associated Press

Milo Ventimiglia, left, with James LaPorta on the set of the NBC drama "This Is Us." **MILO VENTIMIGLIA**

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — We're hurtling down empty Santa Monica side streets before dawn. Riding shotgun is an exercise in grip strength. Knuckles white, wheels screaming, heart pounding, music blaring.

For Milo Ventimiglia, the man who has been held up as America's dad for the past six years on NBC's "This Is Us," this is simply controlled chaos. For me, a U.S. Marine veteran of the war in Afghanistan, the entire experience — the early morning car ride, the story you're reading and how I came to work on his television show — is equal parts surreal and ridiculous.

It is also my own melancholic — and, ultimately, therapeutic — reflection of my war experiences and life afterward.

We jump on I-10. I think back to four years ago. I had set up an interview with Dan Fogelman, the creator of "This Is Us," and American novelist Tim O'Brien, author of "The Things They Carried," and had been hired to help craft the Vietnam War storyline in the show's third season.

An hour before the call, I found out that a Marine I had served with in Afghanistan had taken his own life nine months earlier. Gunnery Sgt. Vaughn Canlas, 36, was an infantryman with over 16 years of service when he shot himself in the head.

Once I got on the phone, I broke down. All I remember of the interview is a barrage of apologies from me as I struggled to ask my questions through tears. Fogelman said I was being too hard on myself and that I should stop by if I find myself in California.

Three months later, in January 2019, I'm touring the "This Is Us" sets. Fogelman asks: Would I be willing to chat with the writers? The idea was to help craft a new character: Cassidy Sharp, played by Jennifer Morrison. Two hours later, I was offered a job.

The development of Cassidy Sharp in a roomful of strangers was, ultimately, a deep mining of my own internal struggle to understand life after war. Along the way, the show's writing room turned into my therapy room — which, according to Fogelman, is commonplace.

"That's our show," he told me. "I've always felt that the show, if you had to pick one thing, was about losing a parent — about grief and about the trauma that comes with that unexpected loss."

I identified. I told the writers about the curious Afghan boy I watched step on an improvised explosive device. I told them about my survivor's guilt. About my depression. I told them, too, about how Lance Cpl. Charles "Seth" Sharp (who inspired Cassidy's last name) bled out in front of his friends. About my loss of innocence and purpose and my crumbling marriage. About the time my ex-wife pulled a Beretta 9mm out of my mouth.

Fogelman asked me what I hated about Hollywood depictions of service members and veterans. For me, it was caricatured tropes that painted an individual as either incredibly heroic or incredibly broken. No shades of gray.

That's not reality. Veterans with post-traumatic stress, I said, still have bills to pay and families to take care of. So we often compartmentalize and pretend we're OK.

Even when we're not.

I hear the sound of Ventimiglia's clapping hands as he tries to quiet production assistants and cameramen. He's the director on this episode — number 608, which recently aired. Cassidy Sharp is in the foreground, pretending to be OK in front of her son and her friend Kevin Pearson (played by Justin Hartley), but suffering in silence over how the war in Afghanistan just ended. Her memories fluctuate between her broken marriage and her broken promises.

In the character's mind — and in mine — is a replay of last August, when thousands of desperate Afghans spilled out onto the tarmac at Hamid Karzai International Airport, fearful of living under another Taliban regime. The memory of a U.S. Air Force C-17 transport aircraft taking off as several people are crushed under its wheels flashes into my mind's eye. I think about how I gripped the door handle in Ventimiglia's car on the ride over to Paramount. I think about the Afghans and their grips, how they clung to the underside of the plane as it gained altitude, how they fell to their death.

On the screen, Dunne, who plays Vietnam veteran Nicky Pearson, senses something is off about Cassidy. That is by design. The conversation between myself and "This Is Us" writers Jake Schnesel and Kevin Falls in the months prior to filming focused on the connection between the Vietnam and Afghanistan veterans — and, in particular, the sins they both feel are their burden to carry.

On some level, I believe, veterans are unreliable narrators in their own war stories. They are always on the inside looking out, and that perspective — while unique and important — can be limited to a narrow field of vision.

And in the absence of any kind of coherent narrative around the wars, it's easy for soldiers to assume responsibility for things that are not their fault — to shrink the war down to their own small, horrific experiences, as Army veteran turned writer Adam Linehan put it.

It becomes their war — a war of the mind. And in their war, they feel like the bad guys.

So in that storyline, the U.S. didn't leave Afghans behind; Cassidy did. Ventimiglia's Jack didn't bring all his soldiers back alive. Nicky feels unforgivable for accidentally killing an innocent boy in Vietnam. And for me, it is years of playing the what-if game that might have prevented a little boy from disappearing into a dust cloud of fire and ripped flesh.

After a withdrawal or a surrender or the signing of a peace treaty, the memories of war do not simply get filed away and frozen. They ebb and flow as time passes for those who were there, and for the families impacted when the reverberations of violence rippled outward.

My conclusion from my experience with the "This Is Us" writing process is this: In a storyline about war, and maybe in real life as well, perhaps there's no better person than a veteran who watched Saigon fall in 1975 to help an Afghanistan veteran navigate the emotional impact of the withdrawal of U.S. forces.

Maybe fiction can offer the lesson of how wars of the mind should end — with a connection made, with something added and a path forward in sight, rather than just a tale of all that was lost along the way. A sense that even when we're not OK, we could be.

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based, Michigan-born photographer Merik Goma's "Your Absence is My Monument" series brings beauty and grace to visions of loneliness and despair that have become painfully familiar in the age of COVID. Goma says he actually began the series before the pandemic.

"I started in 2019. I was thinking about it since before COVID happened, then started thinking about it more, using the experiences I and others I knew were having. "

The artworks are large photographs of dour or distraught people in dark rooms. Goma creates environments for these precisely staged images that have the intricacy of theater sets, then lights them exquisitely to bring in enveloping shadows. He even uses a smoky haze effect in one.

"I'm very meticulous about the light," says Goma, whose next exhibit in the area will be at the Amistad Center for Art & Culture in 2023.

"Your Absence is My Monument" joins four other artists currently on the Real Art Ways wall, all of them thematic series of artworks. Two artists who are both in their 70s, Peter Waite and Ken Morgan, each have dozens of their small brightly colored works on adjacent walls, complementing each other neatly even though the subject matter and media are wildly different.

In another space, Elizabeth Flood blends actual earth and grasses from historic Civil War battlefields into her oil paintings.

"It was really a special experience for her, going through that strata," says RAW's full-time visual arts manager Cody Boyce.

Goma and Flood are among the 2021 winners of Real Art Ways' Real Art Awards, and the first two of those six winners to receive gallery exhibitions at the space this year; the other four will be shown in coming months. The winners often show a mix of old and new work, Boyce says. The 2022 Real Art Awards winners will be announced in the next few months.

Outside Real Art Ways on Arbor Street. **CHRISTOPHER ARNOTT**

In the most central gallery at the end of the RAW lobby, where concerts and other live events are often held, Tina Freeman has done photographic diptychs that contrast images of the Louisiana wetlands with the frozen wastelands of the Arctic.

Freeman's artworks will be the backdrop for a series of discussions about the environment held at Real Art Ways this spring, organized by Trinity College Professor Susan Masino. The first event is April 9 and includes a talk on "Lost Forests of New England: Celebrating Old Growth Forests" with Old Growth Forest Network founder Dr. Joan Maloof and Native Tree Society co-founder Bob Leverett, a morning walk in Keney Park and a screening of the film "The Lost Forests of New England."

Music concerts at RAW also make use of the art on the walls. Performers have been known to set up in front to specific artworks that add atmosphere to their sounds. This includes experimental jazz guitarist Joe Morris and the changing ensembles he assembles for his monthly "Improvisations Now" concerts. The next two concerts are April 24, when Morris is joined by trumpeter Peter Evans and violist Mat Maneri; and May 15, when the guitarist's guests are cellist Tomeka Reid, vocalist Kyoko Kitamura and cornettist/composer Taylor Ho Bynum.

Other upcoming live events at Real Art Ways include a March 31 book signing by Harvey Fierstein, the actor and Broadway writer and gay icon whose autobiography "I Was Better Last Night" was published earlier this month. Fierstein's appearance is a good example of the community Real Art Ways has built up over the years. Fierstein is an old friend of Wilkins and is holding an "intimate conversation" at the space despite making other book-signing appearances in the state already.

Wilkins has headed Real Art Ways since the early '90s, when the local arts scene was quite different.

"When Real Art Ways started in the mid-'70s, several other arts organizations started in Hartford at the same time," Wilkins says, mentioning Peace Train's outdoor concerts, Sidewalks' street theatrics, the Artworks Gallery and Company One. "Real Art Ways is the only one that's survived."

When he took over in the 1990s, taking the gig to assuage a romantic partner who wanted him to find work in Connecticut, "the entire economy collapsed the day I arrived."

He's talking of turmoil in the local munitions industry following the end of the Cold War as well as major lay-offs at the insurance companies, but also of drastic cuts in federal arts funding and certain politicians challenging the work of certain performers and artists. Many of the victimized artists were targeted, Wilkins saw, because of their sexual orientation or sexually provocative work. His response was to invite those artists to Real Art Ways.

"Every time [Conservative North Carolina Senator] Jesse Helms denied someone funding, I invited them to Hartford," Wilkins says.

"That alternative sensibility is something we continue to have today. Having four movie screens will allow us to be more edgy. We already present some of the best musicians in the world here, and will be able to do more of that. In the '90s we had to create a new business model. We built that over time, and now we have over 3,000 members. It's a place where all kinds of people feel comfortable. We've worked on that. A lot of arts organizations, for instance, are supporting trans issues now, but we've been doing that for over 30 years."

"The main thing that's been missing with COVID is that people weren't hanging out the way they used to. That's going to change. There's so much good stuff going on."

Real Art Ways is at 56 Arbor St., Hartford. For more information, including a schedule of upcoming events as well as film screenings, see the RAW website at realartways.org.

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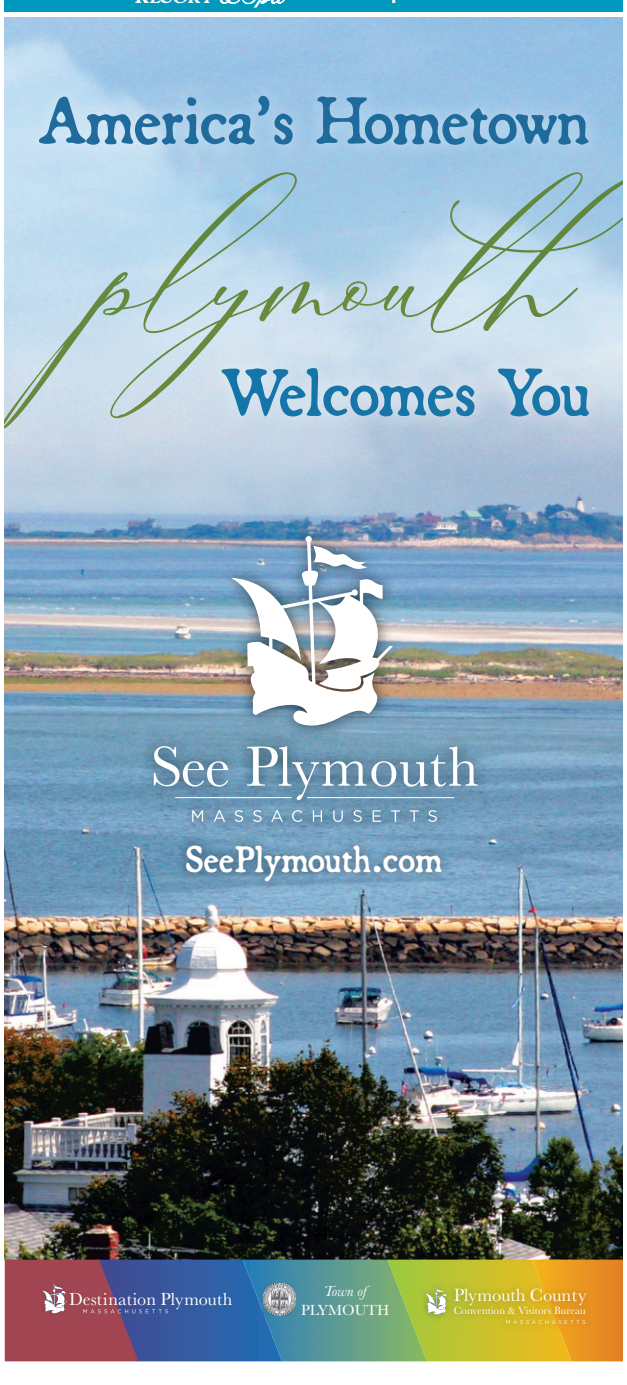

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Ignazio Carlo Raucci, a restorer, uses steam to clean one of the frescoes inside the House of the Vettii on Feb. 23 in Pompeii, Italy. **ROBERTO SALOMONE/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

Pompeii moves with times

A complex social stratification lies deep beneath the ruins of the city

By Elisabetta Povoledo
The New York Times

POMPEII, Italy — On a recent morning at the necropolis of Porta Sarno, just outside Pompeii's eastern edge, Mattia Buondonno gingerly raised a protective tarp covering a tomb discovered last year.

According to the inscription on the tomb's pediment, its occupant was a freed slave named Marcus Venerius Secundio, who became rich and "organized performances in Greek and Latin that lasted four days," Buondonno, a Pompeii tour guide, read, translating from the Latin.

Inside the tomb, believed to date to just decades before the eruption of Mount Vesuvius that smothered Pompeii in A.D. 79, archaeologists had discovered one of the best preserved skeletons ever found. "It's odd for that time. Normally adults were cremated," Buondonno said.

But the tomb was important for other reasons, too.

"Recent finds like this show us new insight into the lower classes of Pompeii," said Luana Toniolo, a former Pompeii staff archaeologist, who excavated the site. In particular, an epigraph with Secundio's condensed biography — which also says he was a custodian at the Temple of Venus and trained for the priesthood in a cult — shed light on some occupations that freed slaves "could aspire to," she said.

For archaeologists, the tomb inscription was also important as confirmation of a hitherto unverified theory that performances in Pompeii had been presented in Greek, the language most used in the eastern Mediterranean. It still wasn't clear whether those were musical or theatrical, but it was proof that Pompeii had been a cosmopolitan city.

"We know people from throughout the Mediterranean lived in Pompeii," Gabriel Zuchtreigel, the site's director, said in a video about the find. It was an open, multiethnic society, he added.

It used to be that visitors thronged to the ancient ruins mostly to see dazzling frescoes in grandiose abodes, captivated by the tragedy of an ancient civilization that had no chance of survival against the tons of ash, gas and rocks that snuffed out life in the city. But Zuchtreigel, the Italo German archaeologist who took over Pompeii in 2021, is hoping that under his watch, visitors will get to know the ancient city through a broader lens, exploring its complex social stratification.

Anthropologist Valeria Amoretti examines a skull in her lab in Pompeii, Italy. Amoretti leads Pompeii's laboratory of applied research.

"Many of the questions we are today addressing are inspired by other fields emerging here, such as gender studies and post-colonial studies," Zuchtreigel said. "We should not forget that all the wealth and art works that we see in Pompeii are really based on a society where not only slavery existed, but there was no concept of social welfare."

Hard evidence of the grim life that enslaved people endured emerged last year with the discovery of "the Room of the Slaves" in a villa to the north of Pompeii. The cramped space contained three cots (the smallest one likely for a child), as well as a chamber pot and clay jugs, suggesting that its inhabitants were living in what was also a storage area. The room had been lit by a small upper window.

"Sometimes you are suddenly very close to this reality of what probably the majority of inhabitants of Pompeii experienced," Zuchtreigel said. "I think it was a very tough society."

There are plenty of items still to cross off on Zuchtreigel's checklist to bring a site frozen in the first century into the 21st.

"We still need to think about how to better include people with disabilities, children, people with different cultural backgrounds," he said. "It's not just about the barrier-free access, it's also about the language we use and the way we try to explain the site."

For some, it is about time that these issues were finally out in the open. "Oftentimes archaeologists can be conservative with the topics they address," Sarah Bond, an associate professor of history at the University of Iowa, said, adding, "I am psyched to see things starting to come around in Pompeii."

Increasingly, there has been a broader shift in scholarly research into the ancient world to investigate previously overlooked issues — "things like sexual assault and rape, or slavery," Bond said. "It's just great to now see Italian archaeologists overseeing Pompeii as a museum site, embracing important questions of gender, forced labor and violence in important ways," she added.

Much of the work carried out in the past decade came under the aegis of the Great Pompeii Project. This $137 million effort, funded by the European Union, began in 2013 to better preserve the site, after a building collapsed in 2010, sparking international debate about the maintenance there.

"The money was spent, and spent well," Zuchtreigel said, lavishing praise on his predecessor, Massimo Osanna, who oversaw the site when money was flowing, before he was promoted to oversee all of Italy's museums. Osanna brought about "an enormous turnaround," he said.

That also included an about-face in the way Pompeii communicated, said Bond, who gave Osanna credit for giving Pompeii a strong social media presence. During his tenure, Pompeii generated public interest by using Instagram and Twitter to announce discoveries, rather than keeping them under wraps until they were published in scholarly journals, the old way of doing things in Italy. "I saw a whole new generation of people engaging who had never been to the site of Pompeii, ever," Bond said. "But they saw it on Instagram and they were just enthralled."

Tourists flock to the Dominican Republic in record-breaking numbers

By Rich Thomaselli
TravelPulse

Despite a short blip due to the omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus, the travel rebound from the pandemic is well underway thanks to pent-up demand.

And, apparently, many people are heading to the Dominican Republic.

The Caribbean island nation just had the second-biggest month in its history of tourism as more than 566,000 travelers descended on the Dominican Republic in February, according to the Caribbean Journal.

The country relaxed its travel restrictions in September 2021.

"Tourist flow levels continue to remain at pre-pandemic levels in the Dominican Republic, while most destinations in Central America and the Caribbean are nowhere near achieving such a recovery," Tourism Minister David Collado told the paper.

The Journal noted that nearly 60% of all tourists to the Dominican Republic are coming from North America, and that's not a surprise given how aggressive Collado and the Dominican Ministry of Tourism has been in marketing — or re-marketing — the island.

Shortly before loosening its rules on tourists entering the country, the Dominican Republic launched a series of promotional visits to key cities — mostly in the U.S. — to hype the Dominican Republic and reconnect with the leaders of the tourism industry in the different markets.

The trips were known as the DR RoadShows.

Collado said the country is still getting about 30% of its tourism from Europe and 9% from other Latin American nations.

Nearly 80% of all tourists are staying in Punta Cana.

The Dominican Republic had the second-biggest month in its history of tourism in February. **DREAMSTIME**

In Tuscany, 'here begins prosciutto'

Rick Steves

Prosciutto produced on a small family farm in Tuscany is an example of the region's classic cuisine. **ADDIE MANNAN PHOTOGRAPHY**

I checked into the farmhouse inn on the Gori family estate. This is Tuscany in the rough: a working farm, not a resort — no TV, no swimming pool, lots of real culture. My host, Signora Gori, is both old-money elegant and farmhouse tough. After I settle in, she takes me on a welcome stroll.

Our first stop is a sty dominated by a giant pig. "We call him Pastanetto — the little pastry," Signora Gori says. As the pigs stir up the hay dust, sunbeams shine through, making the air twinkle.

While the scene through my camera's viewfinder is pristine and tranquil, the soundtrack is not, punctuated by a horrendous chorus of squeals.

Hiking to the rustic slaughterhouse, we enter a room dominated by a stainless-steel table piled with red sides of pork. "Here begins prosciutto," Signora Gori says.

Burly men in aprons squeeze the blood out of hunks of meat the size of dance partners. Then they cake the ham hocks in salt to begin the curing process, which takes months. While the salt helps cure the meat, a coating of pepper seals it.

In another room are towering racks of aging ham hocks. A man in a white coat tests each ham by sticking it with a bone needle and giving it a sniff. It smells heavenly.

Back outside, Signora Gori takes me into the next barn, where fluffy white lambs jump to attention, kicking up a sweet-smelling golden dust from beds of hay. Backlit by stray sunbeams, it's a dreamy, almost biblical scene. Picking up a baby lamb and giving it an Eskimo kiss, she explains, "We use unpasteurized milk in making the pecorino cheese. This is allowed, but with strict health safeguards. I must really know my sheep."

This close-to-the-land-and-animals food production is part of Italy's Slow Food movement. Believing there's more to life than increasing profits and speeding up production, people like the Gori family have committed to making and serving food in the time-honored way. It may be more labor-intensive and more expensive, but it's tastier. Because Italian foodies are happy to pay higher prices for higher quality, it's also good business.

Tuscany is alluring. Enticed by books like "Under the Tuscan Sun," a persistent parade of visitors are hell-bent on sampling the Tuscan good life— and its prosciutto. The nearby town of Greve is happy to oblige. It's a facade of Tuscan cliches, with enough parking and toilets to handle all the tour buses, as well as a vast prosciutto emporium, with boastful newspaper clippings on its door and samples kept under glass.

My stroll on the Gori farm reminds me how, especially here, it's critical to venture off the tourist track.

Walking down another lane, we observe the family's team of vintners. Signora Gori's brother empties a bucketful of purple grapes from a dump truck into a grinder, which munches through the bunches, spitting stems one way and juice with mangled grapes the other. Following pipes of this juice into a cellar, Signor Gori explains that wine-making is labor-intensive, "but right now, the grapes are doing most of the work."

As the new grapes ferment, we taste the finished product. A key word from my Tuscan travels is corposo — full-bodied. Lifting the elegant glass to my lips, I sip the wine while enjoying the pride in the eyes of those who made it. Satisfied, I say, "Corposo."

"Si, bello," they reply.

That night at dinner, we're joined by the rest of the Gori family. The two sons dress and act like princes home on break from some Italian Oxford. We sit down to a classic Tuscan table, focused on simplicity, a sense of harmony, and the natural passage of time necessary for a good meal — each of us with a glass of good red wine. Dipping my bread in extra-virgin olive oil and savoring each slice of prosciutto, it's clear: Great wine goes best with simple food. I nod to my hosts, appreciating that I'm experiencing the true art of Tuscan cuisine.

Full and content, we sip port and enjoy a game of backgammon on a board that has provided after-dinner fun for 200 years in this very room. Surrounded by musty portraits that put faces on this family's long lineage, alongside a few guns used in Italy's 19th-century fight for independence, I realize this evening — so special for me— is just another night on the farm for the Gori family.

Corposo. That's how I like my wine ... and my Tuscan travels.

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CELEBRITY TRAVEL

For chef Yan, food reflects culture

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency

Celebrity chef Martin Yan said that diving for seafood in South Korea was one of his favorite travel memories. **STEPHANIE JAN/YAN CAN COOK**

Over the past 40 years, Master Chef Martin Yan has hosted more than 1,500 episodes of "Yan Can Cook" on PBS. Back then, there was no Food Network or Cooking Channel. A few star chefs like Julia Child and Graham Kerr ("The Galloping Gourmet") had their own series, but the climate for cooking shows was much different in 1982 than it is today.

Now in his 70s, Yan is still busy at work not only with the series that made him famous, but with "MY Chinatown," his new YouTube project, where he offers historic background and cooking in his usual easy-to-digest manner. Born in Guangzhou, China, Yan now calls California's Bay Area home. Yan said he has been staying healthy throughout the pandemic by eating vegetables from his plentiful garden (which he showed off during our Zoom interview) and walking his dog. Fans may stay in touch with Yan on Instagram (@chefmartinyan) and Facebook (facebook.com/chefmartinyan).

Q: What was it like being a new immigrant to the United States?
A: I was 19 and at the University of California, Davis. I actually taught a cooking class at the extension division of the UC Davis campus and was able to make enough to pay for school. A lot of my students were actually professors, their spouses and professional people from the city. It gave me the opportunity to practice my English because it was not very good. When you come over older (like I did), you'll always have an accent. It's very difficult to shake.

Q: Do you think food is regarded differently worldwide than in the U.S.?
A: In the U.S., I think we tend to be in a rush. Eat food while we're doing something else. I think food in general is an integral part of life for people in Asia, not just for eating but socializing. They spend a lot of time eating in the restaurant at those big tables with the large (Lazy Susans) in the middle. You can have 14 or more people around the table and get work done in a relaxed setting and no one feels left out at the end of the table. Sharing and eating family style is integral and that's not as big a part in the West, except maybe countries like France and Italy.

Q: When you travel, do you sometimes stick to your known comfort foods?
A: Everywhere I go, I eat what the people in that country do. In Korea, I only eat Korean food. In Japan, Japanese food. I do not understand people who visit China and head to McDonald's. Why even bother? Food is a reflection of heritage, culture, history.

Q: What travel memory do you have that might surprise people?
A: We did a trip from North to South Korea and then went to Jeju Island, where I dove with the haenyeo (female divers who harvest seafood). Three of the women I dove with were 69, 74 and 82.

Q: How about within the United States?
A: I love Chicago. It's a beautiful city right by the lake. I enjoy walking on the lakefront. I love all the museums there, like the Shedd Aquarium.

Q: Where would you like to go that you haven't been to yet?
A: I plan to go to Africa. My wife and I were supposed to go there two years ago, but the trip was delayed (because of the pandemic). That's one place I really want to go to, to see the unspoiled nature, eat the delicious food and meet the people.

Q: Where is there amazing food that the average person may not know about?
A: Malaysia is very interesting. The food is influenced by Indonesian, Chinese and Indian cuisine and is very delicious. The curry is unique and so full of flavor.

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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Where's my airline ticket refund from GotoGate?

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: I purchased two airline tickets from GotoGate for my wife and son in late 2020. The tickets were for a one-way trip with SriLankan Airlines from Guangzhou, China, to Kigali, Rwanda. Sadly, the airline canceled the flight. I bought new tickets with Qatar Airways for my family to return to Kigali. I asked for a refund. It's been eight months and I haven't received my money back yet. I contacted SriLankan Airlines and a representative asked me to contact GotoGate, my travel agency. But it appears both GotoGate and SriLankan Airlines are not keen on the refund. I would appreciate your help in getting my $2,718 refunded. Thank you so much. — Joseph Obiora Ezezue, Maiduguri, Nigeria

A: This shouldn't be that complicated. When an airline cancels your flight, the refund should be automatic. You shouldn't have to chase down your money, even if it's in the middle of a pandemic.

SriLankan Airlines should have immediately refunded your money to your travel agent, GotoGate. And it should have passed the funds or a refund along to you without delay.

As I've noted before, you might have expected a brief delay during the initial outbreak, but this happened at the end of 2020. Planes were flying. Online agencies were accepting reservations. There's no excuse.

So, what happened? Well, it looks like you made your booking through a third party, a German online agency called MyTrip. It appears the agency then contracted with GotoGate for your tickets, which then made the reservation through SriLankan Airlines. That's a lot of parties involved but not uncommon.

I get a lot of emails from readers asking why people bother dealing with third parties. Why not book directly through an airline? In your case, that would have vastly simplified the refund process. But others might want to work with a trusted travel advisor or access special deals that an online agency might have.

You kept a comprehensive paper trail. You have an email from MyTrip verifying that SriLankan Airlines processed the refund in December. That's a key piece of evidence, and all my team and I needed to crack this case.

Question is, could you have done it yourself? I think so.

You could have appealed to an executive at GotoGate (we publish the names, numbers and email addresses of GotoGate's customer service managers on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org).

You might have also considered contacting your credit card issuer to initiate a dispute. The Central Bank of Nigeria allows for credit card chargebacks under certain circumstances, and you might have been able to secure a full refund even without the cooperation of the airline or online agent.

It took a while, but GotoGate finally responded directly to you and sent the full refund.

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CELEBRITIES

Noah to strike balance at Grammys

By Jonathan Landrum Jr.
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Trevor Noah, host of the Grammy Awards, expects to have an entertaining show April 3. **JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION 2021**

The Grammy Awards show is a festive vibe celebrating music's best, but host Trevor Noah says it may touch on some serious topics such as the ongoing crisis in Ukraine.

"I think the show is going to find the right place and the right space to do something," said the Emmy winner, who will host the April 3 show in Las Vegas. He believes some musical artists will express their thoughts on Ukraine along with other meaningful topics that are "close to their hearts."

"It's one of those interesting balances in life we try to achieve, which is acknowledging what's happening in the world whilst allowing yourself the grace to celebrate some of the moments that are also going on," said the comedian and host of "The Daily Show with Trevor Noah" on Comedy Central.

Noah said most of his show's coverage has focused on Ukraine, so he's looking forward to an entertaining night at the Grammys — a place where world issues can be acknowledged as well.

"I think it's also important for us to be able to take a break from everything," he said. "That's the ultimate quandary we face. Is it important to highlight issues around the world? Definitely. It's also important to celebrate things that are happening in the world."

Noah returns for his second hosting stint at the Grammys, which will broadcast live on CBS and stream on Paramount+. The ceremony shifted from Los Angeles to Las Vegas because of the rising number of COVID-19 cases and the omicron variant in January.

Last year, the Grammys had a music festival vibe with parts of the show held outdoors in an intimate in-person setting with music artists mixed with taped performances.

But for the upcoming ceremony, Noah anticipates a hybrid model that includes fans at the MGM Grand Garden Arena. "I think the live element does bring in an energy but then you do sacrifice a little bit of that intimacy," he said.

"But it's nice to have fans cheering for their favorite artist," he said. "It's nice to see the performances because one of the biggest reasons the Grammys is my favorite award show is that it is a live music festival."

With the show being in Las Vegas, Noah calls the city a "perfect place to have a celebration." He expects an entertaining show with several performers set to hit the stage, including Olivia Rodrigo, BTS, Billie Eilish, Lil Nas X, Jack Harlow and Brandi Carlile.

Jon Batiste is the leading nominee with 11 nods in a variety of genres including R&B, jazz, American roots music, classical and music video. Justin Bieber, Doja Cat and H.E.R. are tied for the second most nominations with eight apiece.

"I think it's going to be a celebration of an industry coming back to life," Noah said. "I think a lot of the artists will enjoy Vegas. Nobody lives there. There's an element of this (show) that's like a music camp. I think it's going to bring a different energy, and I'm excited to be a part of it."

March 27 birthdays: Actor Julian Glover is 87. Actor Austin Pendleton is 82. Actor Michael York is 80. Director Quentin Tarantino is 59. Actor Pauley Perrette is 53. Singer Mariah Carey is 53. Actor Nathan Fillion is 51. Singer Fergie is 47. Actor Brenda Song is 34. Singer Kimbra is 32. Singer Halle Bailey is 22.

ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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In this situation, niece bites aunt's pet dog

Dear Readers: Every year I step away from my column briefly to work on other creative projects. Today's "Best of" topic from 10 years ago is: "going to the dogs."

Dear Amy: My sister recently lost her job. I let her and her 2 ½-year-old daughter, "Mariah," move in with me while she gets on her feet.

I have a 9-year-old toy poodle, and he's gentle and great with children.

The problems began when Mariah started biting the dog.

My sister refuses to do anything about it. She says biting is a normal part of toddlerhood. I know she lets Mariah be rough with him when I'm not around to stop it.

I thought I had a system worked out — I made sure he was always with me when I was at home, and I put him in his crate when I was at work.

However, the last three days when I returned home, the dog was outside the crate. My sister admits that she let him out.

I understand this is a very hard time in her life, but something needs to be done.

She refuses to cooperate or compromise. I don't want anyone to get hurt. What can I do?

— *Worried*

Dear Worried: Biting is not necessarily a "normal part of toddlerhood." It is, however, a very common toddler reaction to stress.

You can assume that this little girl is very confused and stressed. It also sounds as if your sister is not doing a very good job with her.

You should try your best to teach your niece appropriate behavior around pets.

Teach her how to be gentle. Teach her to stand still while the dog dances around her legs. Teach her to pet the dog on the top of the head and encourage her to help you by pouring water into his bowl.

Tell her, "Always be gentle. Never put your hand near his mouth and never touch him when he is eating." Always watch the dog and toddler when their paths intersect.

Your sister is a mess. It is up to you to decide how much of her own toddler behavior you can tolerate. You may have to tell her that unless she can respect your very reasonable boundaries, she'll have to find another place to live.

Dear Amy: I am 13 and have the best dog ever. He usually follows me around the house and mopes when I'm gone.

He hasn't been following me around the house as much lately and has been acting kind of mopey. I believe this is because I recently got a smartphone.

I am worried that I have been spending too much time on it and not giving him enough attention.

My pup is only 5, and he's healthy.

I love this dog with all my heart and am saddened by the thought that he might feel that I don't love him.

How can I make sure I'm spending enough time with my dog and not my smartphone? What are some ways to resist using my smartphone?

— *Smartphone Addict*

Dear Addict: First, you and your folks should make sure your buddy gets a good medical checkup right away. Dogs tend to act mopey when they're not feeling well. You are perceptive to see that your inattention has a real impact on your dog.

It is possible that he is sad and depressed because he misses you.

This is similar to the way some kids report feeling neglected by their parents when their parents are glued to their own smartphones, instead of talking and listening with full attention to them.

I recently read an interesting interview with psychologist Sherry Turkle, author of "Alone Together: Why We Expect More From Technology and Less From Each Other."

Turkle pointed out that an important part of adolescence is the ability to be on your own for the first time, amusing yourself and exercising some independence.

Your phone is your constant companion now; it fills a space that should be filled with your own imagination and with interaction with your best dog buddy, as well as human friends and family.

When you come home from school, put your phone in a drawer for two hours. Close the drawer and leave it there (not in your pocket). You and your dog will both feel much better if you play and hang out together without the distraction.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): It's time to wake up and get your mind working! This is a great time to start focusing on ways to improve your life, especially by doing things like highlighting your own ideas or sharing your talents. People should be duly impressed by your ingenuity.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The world is about to start moving at a slower pace, helping your brain shut off and allowing you to feel your way through life. During this time, you'll benefit from taking a more creative approach to your projects. Do your best to just see where you wind up. It could be fantastic!

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Your social life is about to bump up a few notches. It's time to clock out and go see what everyone else is up to. This cycle will bring lots of opportunities for you to make new connections — something you're delighted to do — so make fresh introductions and renew old ones.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Business matters are looming large on the horizon. Today get serious about your goals and understand what you need to get to where you want to be. This is a good day to sit down and make a game plan to establish the finer points. If you're strategic, then you should pull off any strategy.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You're about to have a bird's-eye view of the world, letting you spread your mental wings and start to take in the sights. During this transit, you'll benefit from considering other points of view and learning what other people have to say, so be prepared to enter every situation with an open mind.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Life could feel as dramatic as a noir film set all of a sudden. This cycle is all about reading between the lines and seeing what details you can ferret out when you don your detective cap. You're entering a transformational realm, so let your mind lead you wherever it chooses.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Other people are about to start taking top billing in your life. Instead of worrying about achieving everything on your own, try to seek out people who can complement your skills. That said, don't expect them to do all the work. You've got to pull your share of the weight.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It's a great day to hunker down and get serious about your personal well-being! Start examining your habits and routines — look for ways to work smarter, not harder. This is also a great time to clean up your diet or even begin a new workout routine, so don't hesitate to get started.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You're quite the lucky one, Sagittarius! This is an especially creative transit for you, so if you've got an artistic bent then you're going to be in your prime for the duration of this cycle. Don't worry about being perfect or minor responsibilities right now — enjoying life is your biggest priority.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your home life could begin to take up more of your attention starting today. This is wonderful for doing more entertaining! If you're bored of being a homebody, think about using this time to invite your friends over. Doing a bit of redecorating could freshen things up!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Finding free time might be about to become an impossible task. Be extra diligent about staying organized — consider starting a planner of some kind if you don't keep one already. This is also a great time to explore your neighborhood and see what new things have popped up recently.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Your money and how you make it is about to become a hot topic. Over the next few weeks, you could encounter a few fresh revenue streams. If you're looking for ways to increase your net worth, pay attention or you might miss out! It's time to think with your wallet.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On March 27, 1912, first lady Helen Herron Taft and the wife of Japan's ambassador to the United States planted the first two of 3,000 cherry trees given to the U.S. as a gift by the mayor of Tokyo.

In 1968, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin died when his jet crashed near Moscow; he was 34.

In 1973, "The Godfather" won the Academy Award for best picture of 1972.

In 1977, in aviation's worst disaster, 583 people were killed when a KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off in heavy fog, crashed into a Pan Am 747 on an airport runway on the Canary Island of Tenerife.

In 2019, Facebook said it was extending its ban on hate speech to prohibit the promotion and support of white nationalism.

In 2020, the House approved a $2.2 trillion coronavirus rescue package; it was immediately signed by President Donald Trump.

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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SCRABBLEGRAMS

I_1	M_3	P_3	R_1	O_1	V_4	E_1	RACK 1 = 66
O_1	U_1	T_1	G_2	O_1	N_1	E_1	RACK 2 = 58
P_3	O_1	T_1	T_1	E_1	R_1	Y_4	RACK 3 = 62
L_1	E_1	T_1	D_2	O_1	W_4	N_1	RACK 4 = 61
C_3	H_4	O_1	R_1	T_1	L_1	E_1	RACK 5 = 74

PAR SCORE 260-270 TOTAL 321

SUDOKU

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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

SOFIA CAIRO PARIS
SEOUL MINSK
TUNIS QUITO

JUMBLE

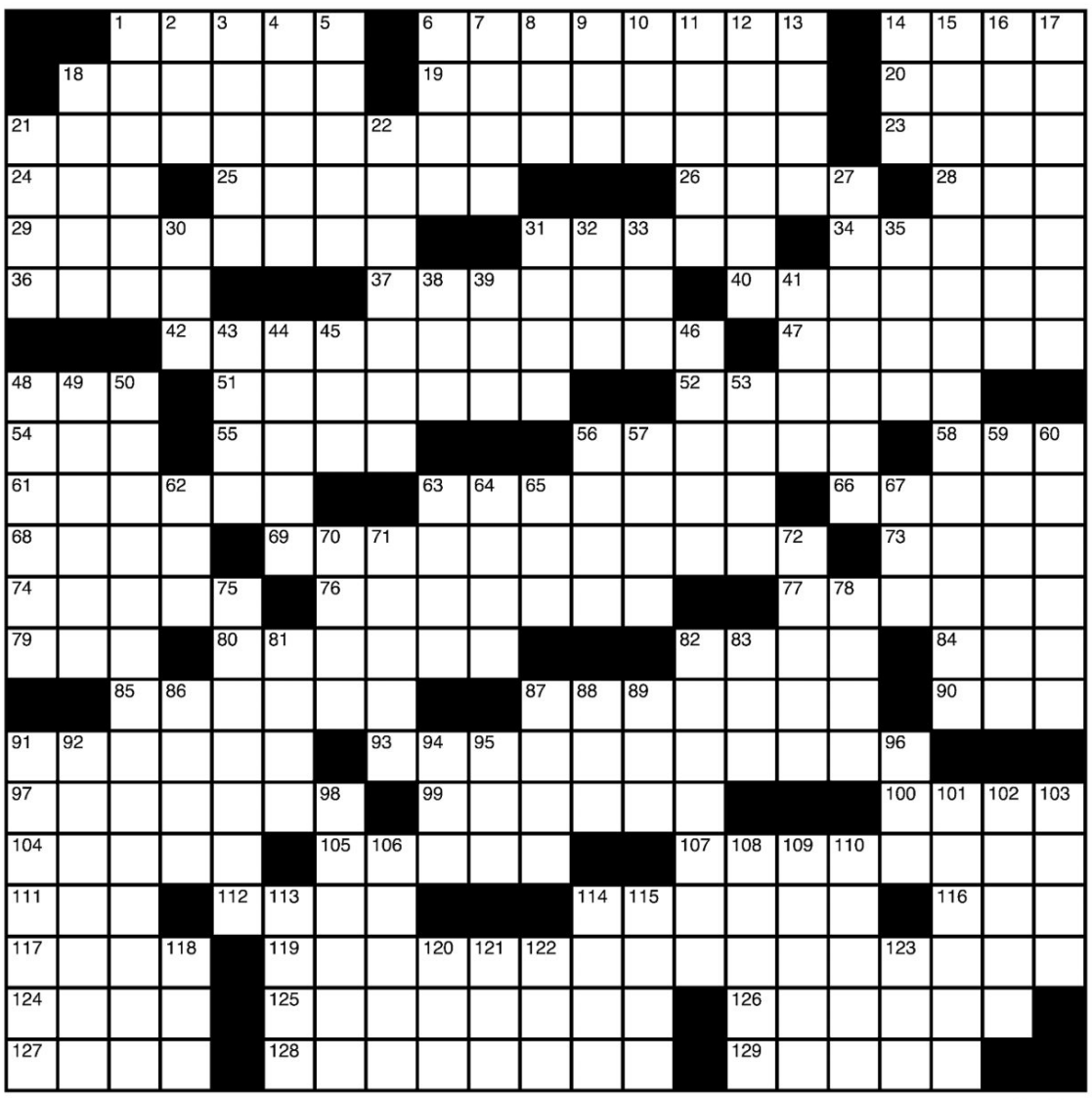
GROGGY DECENT
ANNUAL HANDLE
BITTER THIRST

When the parents and their six children had a late dinner, —

EIGHT ATE AT EIGHT

The Final Frontier

By Gary Larson and Amy Ensz



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Across

1. Country that's about 24 times longer than its average width
6. Vendor's wagon
14. Online access cos.
18. Nixon's older daughter
19. It established Congress
20. PDQ, in the ER
21. Satisfied with one's work in the transporter room?
23. Miles'"Sideways" love interest
24. NFL official
25. Conger catchers
26. Daring deed
28. Informer
29. Setting for searches
31. Black
34. Big mess
36. Title book in a classic computer game
37. Brezhnev of the USSR
40. One who gets in
42. Detain Dr. McCoy?
47. Sends, in a way
48. Cover letters?
51. One may be painted
52. Fancy topping
54. Mangy mutt
55. Apple product
56. Opening tempo of Dvorák's "New World Symphony"
58. __ gratia artis: MGM motto
61. End of a warning
63. Weave
66. "Be silent," in music
68. Arch type
69. Phaser, slangily?
73. Tiny
74. Katniss' ally in "The Hunger Games"
76. Surpasses
77. Forward pass
79. No. with two dashes
80. Ski weekend destination
82. Pluck
84. Flamenco shout
85. Heineken brand named for a Mexican city
87. Recurring
90. Actor Beatty
91. Warm sign-off
93. DNA sample from Kirk's chief engineering officer?
97. Beverly Cleary title dog
99. Defrauded, say, with "on"
100. 18-wheeler
104. Frontier home
105. Either Zimbalist
107. Creme-filled Drake's cake
111. Bobby of the Bruins
112. Contents of some banks
114. Gloomy
116. Wedding promise
117. Newton, e.g.
119. Masseuse trained in massage techniques from Spock's home planet?
124. Fabled loch
125. Observing lions in the wild, maybe
126. Sign up
127. De Matteo of "The Sopranos"
128. Uncalled-for
129. Candy mogul H.B. __

Down

1. Makes with skill
2. Gender-specific pronoun
3. Less cordial
4. Flax fabric
5. High nester
6. "Easy to Be Hard" musical
7. Song and dance
8. Unnamed degree
9. Cocktail party staple
10. "Bad Moon Rising" band, briefly
11. Adjust in a garage
12. Flight by night
13. Connections
14. School of thought
15. Allure of boldly going where no man has gone before?
16. Pony up the service charge, say
17. Museum pieces
18. Wee
21. Cup part
22. Bayou, perhaps
27. Poet who used the name Old Possum
30. Abbr. often after a comma
31. Carbon compound
32. Storage spot
33. Horatian work
35. Sports org. name since 1910
38. Historic time
39. It's a wrap
41. Big name in jeans
43. Elevator name
44. Runs easily
45. Grazing area
46. Barely enough
48. News exclusives
49. Clears of data, as a PC
50. Happy Meal toy replica of Captain Kirk's ship?
53. "A Death in the Family" author James
56. Wonderstruck
57. "Buenos __"
59. Flea market deal
60. Did salon work
62. Allow
63. Latin "behold"
64. Bygone depilatory brand
65. First word in all but one "Seinfeld" episode title
67. Cause of inflation
70. Everglades deposit
71. Wheel connectors
72. Play delayers
75. Gave in (to)
78. Start of a classic accusation
81. Fabled racer
82. Flapjack cooker
83. Dorm overseers, for short
86. Wilcox daughter in "Howards End"
87. Tabloid couple
88. Sign-off letters before L
89. Nice season
91. Blow away
92. "Ambition should be made of __ stuff": "Julius Caesar"
94. EMT skill
95. It's found in banks
96. Immigrant's subj.
98. Tighten the strings of, maybe
101. Safe to have
102. Example
103. Composer Stravinsky
106. Bogus
108. Church official
109. Nemo's creator
110. Habituate
113. Makeup line
114. Galahad et al.
115. Action movie weapons
118. Screening org.
120. Heel
121. CIO partner
122. Dundee denial
123. NYY rival

SCRABBLEGRAMS

Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All words are in the Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

A1	A1	O1	X8	D2	R1	B3	RACK 1
E1	E1	O1	N1	P3	M3	H4	3rd Letter Triple — RACK 2
I1	I1	O1	N1	G2	D2	X8	RACK 3
I1	I1	U1	M3	R1	T1	T1	RACK 4
E1	I1	O1	M3	D2	F4	W4	Double Word Score — RACK 5

PAR SCORE 270-280
BEST SCORE 340

FIVE RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

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JUMBLE

By Jeff Knurek and David L. Hoyt
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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

DEPIEM

VLAREG

FBELAF

DRIYHB

KNAAEW

NWWDIO

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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SUDOKU

By The Mepham Group

To play: Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

By David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Instructions: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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O	A	T	T	L
C	R	G	O	A
K	H	C	N	O
Y	C	I	A	G

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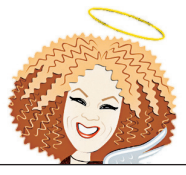
LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS, D6

Unhappy with selections in the girls' department? Head directly to the boys' section. GETTY

Tips on buying kid's clothing



Ellen Warren
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Now that my toddler has outgrown onesies and has moved on to wearing real clothes, I'm finding it frustrating to shop for her. The offerings are mostly pink, adorned with rainbows and unicorns. Few of the pants have pockets and many of the clothes have sparkles, sequins or lace, adornments that don't do well in the wash and aren't great for outdoor play. Any ideas?

— Meg W.

Dear Meg: Head directly to the boys' department. Yes, you read that right. In the boys' department you will find a lot of unisex garments — many in the solid colors of red, blue and black. And the pants have pockets. Shopping at a discount department store recently, I found (on the toddler boys' clearance racks) a black Snoopy T-shirt for $1.50, a set of Snoopy pajamas for $5 and a NASA-branded solar system T-shirt featuring Jupiter for $1.50. All perfectly suited for little girls.

And another tip on shopping for kids' clothing...

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Have you seen the prices on clothing for babies, toddlers and preschoolers these days? They are inching toward what I pay for my adult clothes. Without spending hours searching in thrift stores or lucking into a decent sale, how can I keep the costs down for clothing my growing kids?

— Nora B.

Dear Nora: Yes, I have seen those big prices. Here's one idea. Readers have been bragging to me recently about their bargain finds on Kidizen (kidizen.com). It's an online seller of higher-quality used (and new) children's clothing, much of it sold with original tags intact. You can buy and sell on the site. To minimize your time looking, you can search the site by, gender, size, brand, price and condition. I found brands like Hannah Andersson, Gap, L.L. Bean, millie + roo and many others. Also listed are toys, books, clothing, shoes, diaper bags and all that baby gear that costs a fortune when new. There are many other resources for kids' clothes and equipment. Readers, tell me where you find bargains.

Angelic readers

Readers had advice for Mary F., whose jeans (cotton with a bit of Spandex) get baggy. Candace B. writes: "The best way to prevent cotton/Spandex jeans from bagging is to avoid the dryer! The heat breaks down the fibers in the Spandex, and once that happens, those jeans are done. Wash your jeans inside-out in cold water, then hang to dry. AFTER they're dry, put them in the dryer on medium for about 10 minutes to soften them up. You can also add a softener sheet." Olga W. says she's about to turn 75 and her much worn jeans fit like new and yours will too if you follow the method that Candace recommends although Olga says don't use the dryer at all.

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangelellen@gmail.com.

Fourth wedding can be as fancy as the bride wishes

Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: What is the protocol on fourth weddings?

A friend who is going to have her fourth wedding wants all the hoopla (white gown, tiara, bridesmaids, showers). I feel the wedding should be more reserved: nice dress, flowers and an informal reception.

I don't want her to be the "talk of the town" in a sarcastic way. I want her to have a nice wedding, but am I wrong that the wedding should be a little more reserved?

Gentle reader: You have every reason to believe that Miss Manners will not just support your view but faint away from the vulgarity of your friend's plans.

She is sorry to disappoint you. And please allow her to explain this particular lapse of intolerance.

The white wedding dress has a long and not-entirely-pure history. It is all the fault of Queen Victoria. Before she chose a white wedding dress, in contrast to the usual royal habit of displaying silver or gold, there was no wedding uniform.

Brides dressed up for their weddings in any colors they chose. And because the queen, who had endured omnipresent chaperonage by her mother, was presumed to be virginal, the color came to be considered symbolic of bodily purity.

This gave rise to some astounding vulgarity, which persisted well into modern times. People, even wedding guests, started speculating as to whether the bride's packaging was an accurate representation of what was underneath. This so repulsed Miss Manners as to make her back away from the entire issue.

It is true that she privately harbors the feeling that subsequent weddings should not be repeats of the same person's previous full wedding hoopla. But that is because it seems an unnecessary imposition on the guests.

Still, if they will stand for it, she declines to throw a damper over others' wishes.

Dear Miss Manners: I own a battery hybrid car. As these types of cars become more popular, there has been an increase in the number of publicly available charging stations. These stations are typically found at places of business like malls and commercial parking garages, and often (but not always) line up with a designated parking spot.

I have occasionally come upon a car parked in a charging space, and plugged into a charging station, although it is completely charged. (This can often be determined by indicator lights on the vehicle or on the charging station itself. Typically when they're lit and/or blinking, the vehicle is charging.)

I don't want to waste time waiting for the car's owner to come back, or to have to return at a later time to plug my vehicle in. Would it be rude to unplug someone else's vehicle if I "know" that it is already fully charged — assuming that the cable can reach to the next parking space?

Gentle reader: Much like the use of public laundry machines, it is difficult to determine exactly how long this process will take — and tedious to sit there waiting for it.

Miss Manners asks that you assume the best, but if you are forced to wait an unreasonable amount of time, she will allow you to change out the plug. If caught in the act, you may say, "I am sorry, I didn't want your car to overcharge."

While this may betray some ignorance of how the system works, at least it will have the guise of being thoughtful and polite — not just impatient, however justifiably so.

Dear Miss Manners: I sit 7 feet from an employee who loudly sniffs all day. It is so bad, I cannot believe no one in her family has said anything to her. It is nonstop.

I need to know what I can say. I have handed her boxes of tissues, and she just puts them on a shelf. I turn my radio up and sigh.

I am at the point of quitting my job. Please advise me of a way to tell her to stop.

Gentle reader: There are not many positive things that we can attribute to COVID, but health-related regulations, implemented for the safety of all, are among them.

Miss Manners suggests that you helpfully warn your work friend of that by saying, "I'm worried about your health. And about what HR might do if they hear you sniffling too much. Perhaps you should see a doctor? I can recommend an excellent one."

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

MY PET WORLD

Should you discourage a friend from adopting a pet?

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

An older dog that won't require as much exercise as a younger one is a good adoption choice for an elderly person with physical limitations, says Cathy M. Rosenthal. DREAMSTIME

Dear Cathy: I have an older friend of many years who lives alone after becoming widowed in 2020. She is currently having major health issues, which puts her in the hospital several times a year. She also uses oxygen tanks with tubes running throughout the house and is not very steady on her feet. She has two middle-aged cats and now wants a dog.

I think the dog is intended to give her company and entertainment. Both are good things, but I am not sure she can properly care for it. She said she could pay someone to walk the dog. She does have a small, fenced backyard, so the dog would be able to get some relief without being walked as well.

My other concern is she has a very limited support system; basically, it's just me and another friend who is not very accessible or responsive to her, but lives closer to her. So, I assume that if and when she goes into the hospital, I will need to step up and find care for the dog or care for it myself.

I expressed these feelings and told her I had doubts she could take care of a dog. She simply asked if I would still love the dog if she got one and I said of course. She now has an application for a dog with a shelter. I understand that shelters do a phone interview due to COVID, so they won't necessarily see her frailty. My question to you is, was I wrong to express my apprehension about the adoption, and should I just dummy up and support her decision?

— V, Baltimore, Maryland

Dear V: One should be able to share concerns with a friend as long as you express them respectfully. It sounds like you did, based on her response. She didn't seem upset with you. In fact, she let you know she heard you and asked for your support regardless of her decision. You handled it beautifully.

We both know though, that it's her decision — and ultimately, the shelter's decision on whether she can adopt a dog. I assume if she has the money to get the dog walked, she has the money to put the dog in a kennel or pay a pet sitter to stay at the house with her pets if she is hospitalized. The animal shelter also may recommend she adopt an older dog that has a few years of life left, but that won't require as much exercise as a younger dog. If they refuse her for any of the reasons you mentioned, then she will have heard it from two places and may hold off on adopting a dog.

If she does get approved, you must again be honest with her and let her know you are not in a position to care of her pets.

Encourage her to find a pet sitter or kennel where the dog and/or cats can be taken if she is hospitalized, and to give someone (a child or family member) power of attorney, so they can decide what happens to her pets should she not return home for whatever reason.

That's the next best advice you can give as her friend.

Dear Cathy: My fur-baby loves to roll in poop at the dog park. How can I get her out of this nasty habit? She is 5 years old and is a rescue dog.

— Genevieve, Orlando, Florida

Dear Genevieve: Teach your "fur-baby" the "leave it" command. Ask her to sit, put a treat on the ground, and say "leave it." If she looks at the treat or starts to go for it, say "leave it" again. She should get the gist of what you want and will likely "leave it." When she does, use a marker word, like "bingo," or a clicker to mark the correct behavior. Then, give her a tastier treat from your hand. (Never let her take the treat on the ground.) Pick up the treat from the ground and repeat this training over the next few days until you know she understands the command.

When you take her to the dog park and she drops to roll in the poop, shake your keys to get her attention and tell her to "leave it." It may take a few times for her to understand the command in this context, but she will get it and learn to "leave it" if you are consistent with the training.

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Patients divided over new Alzheimer's drug

By Judith Graham
Kaiser Health News

Joanna Fix, now 53, was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease in October 2016. **JOANNA FIX**

Laurie Scherrer of Albertville, Alabama, was diagnosed with dementia nearly a decade ago at age 55. **DAVID EDWARDS/TNS**

If you listen to the nation's largest Alzheimer's disease advocacy organizations, you might think everyone living with Alzheimer's wants unfettered access to Aduhelm, a controversial new treatment.

But you'd be wrong.

Opinions about Aduhelm (also known as aducanumab) in the dementia community are diverse, ranging from "we want the government to cover this drug" to "we're concerned about this medication and think it should be studied further."

The Alzheimer's Association and UsAgainstAlzheimer's, the most influential advocacy organizations in the field, are in the former camp.

Both are pushing for Medicare to cover Aduhelm's $28,000 annual cost and fiercely oppose the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' January proposal to restrict coverage only to people enrolled in clinical trials. Nearly 10,000 comments were received on that proposal, and a final decision is expected in April.

"With respect, we have no more time for debate or delay," the Alzheimer's Association national Early-Stage Advisory Group wrote in a Feb. 10 comment. "Every passing day without access to potential treatments subjects us to a future of irreversible decline."

Yet the scientific evidence behind Aduhelm is inconclusive, its efficacy in preventing the progression of Alzheimer's remains unproved, and there are concerns about its safety. The FDA granted accelerated approval to the medication last June but ordered the drugmaker, Biogen, to conduct a new clinical trial to verify its benefit. And the agency's decision came despite a 10-0 recommendation against doing so from its scientific advisory committee.

Other organizations representing people living with dementia are more cautious, calling for more research about Aduhelm's effectiveness and potential side effects. More than 40% of people who take the medication have swelling or bleeding in the brain — complications that need to be carefully monitored.

The Dementia Action Alliance, which supports people living with dementia, is among them. In a statement forwarded to me by CEO Karen Love, the organization said, "DAA strongly supports CMS's decision to limit access to aducanumab to people enrolled in qualifying clinical trials in order to better study aducanumab's efficacy and adverse effects."

Meanwhile, Dementia Alliance International — the world's largest organization run by and for people with dementia, with more than 5,000 members — has not taken a position on Aduhelm. "We felt that coming out with a statement on one side or another would split our organization," said Diana Blackwelder, its treasurer, who lives in Washington, D.C.

Blackwelder, 60, who was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's in 2017, said, "To say that millions of people afflicted with a disease are all up in arms against CMS' proposal is just wrong. We're all individuals, not a collective."

"I understand the need for hope," she said, expressing a personal opinion, "but people living with dementia need to be protected as well. This drug has very serious, frequent side effects. My concern is that whatever CMS decides, they at least put in some guardrails so that people taking this drug get proper workups and monitoring."

The debate over Medicare's decision on Aduhelm is crucial, since most people with Alzheimer's are older or seriously disabled and covered by the government health program.

To learn more, I talked to several people living with dementia. Here's some of what they said:

■ Jay Reinstein, 60, is married and lives in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease three years ago and formerly served on the national board of directors of the Alzheimer's Association.

"I understand [Aduhelm] is controversial, but to me it's a risk I'm willing to take because there's nothing else out there," Reinstein said, noting that people he's met through support groups have progressed in their disease very quickly. "Even if it's a 10% chance of slowing [Alzheimer's] down by six months, I am still willing to take it. While I am progressing slowly, I want more time."

■ Laurie Scherrer of Albertville, Alabama, was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's and frontotemporal dementia in 2013, at age 55.

Early on, she was prescribed Aricept (donepezil), one of a handful of medications that address Alzheimer's symptoms. "I became totally confused and disoriented, I couldn't think, I couldn't concentrate," she told me. After stopping the medication, those symptoms went away.

"I am not for CMS approving this drug, and I wouldn't take it," Scherrer said. At discussion groups on Aduhelm hosted by the Dementia Action Alliance (Scherrer is on the board), only two of 50 participants wanted the drug to be made widely available. The reason, she said: "They don't think there are enough benefits to counteract the possible harms."

■ Joanna Fix, 53, of Colorado Springs was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease in October 2016. She, too, developed serious complications after taking Aricept and another dementia medication, Namenda (memantine).

"I would love it if tomorrow somebody said, 'Here's something that can cure you,' but I don't think we're at that point with Aduhelm," Fix told me. "We haven't been looking at this [drug] long enough. It feels like this is just throwing something at the disease because there's nothing else to do."

"Please, please take it from someone living with this disease: There is more to life than taking a magic pill," Fix continued. "All I care about is my quality of life. My marriage. Educating and helping other people living with dementia. And what I can still do day to day."

■ Phil Gutis, 60, of Solebury, Pennsylvania, has participated in clinical trials and taken Aduhelm for 5½ years after being diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's in 2016.

He's convinced the medication has helped him. "I don't know how to describe it other than to say my head feels so much clearer now," he told me. "I feel much more capable of doing things now. It's not like I've gained my memories back, but I certainly haven't deteriorated."

Gutis thinks CMS' proposed restrictions on Aduhelm are misguided. "When the FDA approved it, there was this sense of excitement — oh, we're getting somewhere. With the CMS decision, I feel we are setting the field back again. It's this constant feeling that progress is being made and then — whack."

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Study says the ingredients in garlic have antiviral activity

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
King Features Syndicate

Healers have been using garlic against infections for a millennia. **DREAMSTIME**

Q: I have seen videos claiming that putting raw cloves of garlic in your nostrils will clear your sinuses. Does this work? I have read that garlic is good for colds, but I always thought that you would swallow it.
A: Garlic can be irritating to sensitive tissues, which is why we don't suggest putting cloves in your nose. There are studies that support the use of garlic orally, though. A systematic review found that ingredients in garlic have antiviral activity (Trends in Food Science & Technology, October 2020). Healers have been using garlic against infections for a millennia.

Q: I started having migraines a couple of decades ago. They ramped up until they occurred more than half the month. I have tried ever so many treatments, including hormones, supplements, prophylactic and rescue medications, exercise, acupuncture, massage, Botox and food sensitivity testing with major dietary changes.
What helped me the most was Ajovy. It took some time before I learned how to self-inject properly, but since then, I have suffered much less.
A: Migraine prevention and treatment has changed radically over the past few years. There are now several new drugs, including fremanezumab (Ajovy), erenumab (Aimovig) and galcanezumab (Emgality). These are all self-injectable preventive medications appropriate for people who, like you, have frequent migraines. Sadly, they also are all expensive, ranging from about $600 to $800 for a monthly shot. Oral medications that affect the same CGRP (calcitonin gene-related peptide) pathway have now become available. Such drugs include atogepant (Qulipta), rimegepant (Nurtec) and ubrogepant (Ubrelvy). These are even pricier, at around $1,000 a month. There are several other new migraine treatments as well.

Finding the right match of treatment for each patient can be challenging, so it makes sense to see a specialist. Getting insurance companies to pay is another hurdle.

Q: A couple of weeks ago, a lab test revealed that my creatinine levels are elevated. This is the first time I have had any indication of kidney problems. I am terrified. I heard you discuss kidney damage related to proton pump inhibitors. I've been taking omeprazole for more than 20 years, and I fear this might be the cause of my high creatinine levels. A few years ago, I tried going off this medication and had heartburn from the depths of hell. It truly affected my quality of life, so I resigned myself to taking it forever. What can you tell me about weaning off this drug?
A: Use of strong acid-suppressing drugs like omeprazole (Prilosec) has been linked to acute kidney injury and chronic kidney disease (Pharmacotherapy April 2019). Elevated creatinine levels are a signal that the kidneys are under stress. Getting off proton pump inhibitors, or PPIs, can be very challenging, as you discovered.

Rebound hyperacidity has been well-documented. You might have success with gradual tapering. Using a histamine blocker such as famotidine (Pepcid) may also ease the discomfort of your "heartburn from hell."

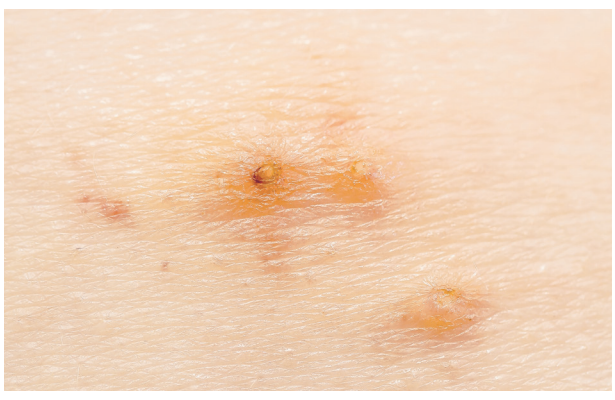
In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Q&A

Viral skin bumps a common occurrence in childhood

Mayo Clinic

Q: My 7-year-old son developed a small pink bump on his arm recently. Soon we started noticing more on his back and under his arms. His pediatrician said they were called "molluscum," and we didn't have to do anything about them. But I am worried about them spreading to his little sister. What are these spots, and should I be concerned?
A: Molluscum contagiosum, often just called "molluscum," are a common occurrence in childhood. Like warts, molluscum are caused by a non-worrisome virus that usually takes the body some time to recognize and get rid of. Although anyone can develop the condition, molluscum most often occurs in younger, elementary-aged children.


Molluscum is not dangerous and should go away on its own, but it can take time. **DREAMSTIME**

Molluscum presents with spots that may be pink or skin-colored. They can be as small as a tiny bead and can have a slight indent in the middle, like a belly button. People often report redness, itching or pain at the spots.

Molluscum is not dangerous and should go away on its own, but it can take time. In some patients, it can take a year or more. Molluscum spreads easily in areas of friction, like the armpits, groin or other skin folds, and can be spread to other people. Although your pediatrician is correct that you do not have to treat it, treatment can eliminate molluscum faster.

Many options are publicized to treat molluscum, but only certain methods are safe and effective. One of the most common is to apply a thin layer of a gentle retinoid-type medication, such as adapalene (Differin). This medication is now is offered over the counter and can be found in the acne product aisle. Some irritation in the form of red, flaky skin can develop, which is OK. This is a sign that your child's body is responding to the treatment. If too much irritation develops, though, you may want to space out the applications to every other or every third night.

A dermatologist can offer alternative therapies, including prescription-strength versions of the retinoid-type medications and other such creams. For older children and teens, scraping or freezing the bumps can be an option. In younger children, a favorite treatment for molluscum is to apply a solution made from a secretion of the blister beetle, which is called cantharidin. This clear, painless solution is applied to the bumps in a dermatologist's office, and it is then washed off at home a few hours later.

In patients with preexisting conditions, such as eczema or other skin rashes, molluscum can spread more quickly. Patients may need special treatment to help with any flaring of their eczema before the molluscum can be treated.

Though not as common, adults also can get Molluscum contagiosum. However, in adults, molluscum is considered a potentially sexually transmitted condition and can be associated with immunodeficiency, such as HIV infection. Therefore, I always recommend that adults who develop spots see their primary health provider or a dermatologist to confirm the diagnosis and discuss next steps.

Once someone has been diagnosed with molluscum, I recommend taking care to avoid sharing clothing and linens because there is a chance of spreading the infection to others through contact with these items. It also helps to minimize scratching the affected areas because it can cause the virus to spread and the bumps to multiply. Although it can be challenging to know if someone has molluscum, be mindful when sharing bathing or swimming spaces.

— Ashley Wentworth, M.D., Dermatology, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida

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For author, freedom begins with imagination

Bulawayo tells story about a nation on cusp of revolution with animal voices

By Abdi Latif Dahir
The New York Times

Like many of her compatriots, NoViolet Bulawayo once thought Robert Mugabe would rule Zimbabwe forever.

A national liberator turned autocrat, Mugabe presided over the southern African nation for almost four decades, infamously declaring that "only God, who appointed me, will remove me" from office. So when in November 2017, he was forced by the military to resign, Bulawayo knew she had to write about this transformative moment in her nation's history.

And so was born "Glory," her second novel, which centers on the rapid fall of a longtime ruler and was recently published by Viking, an imprint of Penguin Random House.

"Writing it felt like responding to a call of duty," Bulawayo, 40, said in a recent interview. "I felt like I needed to be part of the collective struggle that was going on. So the book is my participation; that's my way of showing up."

"Glory" is being published eight years after Bulawayo's debut novel, "We Need New Names," was released to critical acclaim, making her the first Black woman from Africa to be shortlisted for the Booker Prize.

Bulawayo originally set out to write a work of nonfiction about Zimbabwe after the coup, but given the barrage of books, essays and opinion pieces dissecting the post-Mugabe era, she worried that she might not have anything new to say. So she pivoted to fiction, placing "Glory" in the mythical nation of Jidada, which is suffering under the yoke of a brutal dictator and the whims of his corrupt party.

But instead of people, Bulawayo's novel is animated by a cast of animal characters — horses, dogs, donkeys, goats, chicken, a crocodile — with revealing names like Comrade Nevermiss, General Judas Goodness Reza and Dr. Sweet Mother.

Bulawayo said her decision to use animal voices was "my way of laying ownership to a very public story, a very public drama, and wanting to kind of tell it on my own terms."

Born Elizabeth Zandile Tshele in the Tsholotsho district, in southwest Zimbabwe, Bulawayo left her home country when she was 18 to pursue degrees in the United States, including a master's in creative writing at Cornell University.

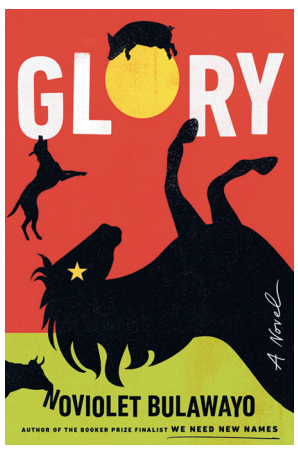
She began writing using the pen name NoViolet Bulawayo as a student. In her Ndebele language, "no" means "with," and Violet was the name of her mother, who died when she was 18 months old. Bulawayo is her hometown and Zimbabwe's second largest city.

In 2017, when Mugabe was deposed, Bulawayo was teaching creative writing at Stanford University but decided to return home weeks later. There, she caught the heady post-Mugabe days, when many Zimbabweans hoped the soaring inflation, unemployment, food shortages and human rights violations that defined his rule would finally come to an end.

"People were excited. People were happy," Bulawayo recalled. "People thought we had turned the corner."

But the euphoric highs soon dissipated, as Zimbabweans, including herself, continued to line up for everything: fuel, groceries, cash.

NoViolet Bulawayo, seen Feb. 26 at her home in Zimbabwe, recently released "Glory." **ZINYANGE AUNTONY/THE NEW YORK TIMES**



'Glory'
By NoViolet Bulawayo; Viking, 416 pages $27.

The government of President Emmerson Mnangagwa — a former vice president to Mugabe — has continued to crack down on the opposition and civil society. Novelist Tsitsi Dangarembga was arrested during an anti-government protest in 2020, and Jeffrey Moyo, a journalist with The New York Times, was prosecuted for spurious charges.

"Glory" follows Destiny, a goat who returns to Jidada to face the country she vowed to leave behind and the mother who plunged into "a deep, dense dark" place when she disappeared. Through her, Bulawayo explores the trauma of displacement, the central role women play in holding societies together and the failure of independent states to attain minimum levels of prosperity for their people.

The book also explores the legacy of the Gukurahundi, Zimbabwe's name for the massacre of thousands of members of the Ndebele minority by Mugabe's military between 1983 and 1987.

Bulawayo said she deliberately chooses to write about people on the margins, who are likely to be overlooked.

"If there's any measure of wealth in our democracy or the progress of our societies, it is through the status of the poor, of the people who are really at the bottom," she said. "I have a sensitivity to that."

But those decisions haven't always been received with enthusiasm, particularly among academics and artists who have long criticized some Western depictions of Africa as a place of death, disease and dictators.

Bulawayo worked on "Glory" for more than three years, during which she closely followed the grassroots activism demanding change in countries, including Sudan, Algeria, Uganda, Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) and the United States, where the Black Lives Matter movement surged.

Social media became an important part of her research — two chapters in "Glory" are composed just of tweets — but she also kept a few novels about despots by her side, including "The Autumn of the Patriarch," by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, "Wizard of the Crow" by Ngugi wa Thiong'o and "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao," by Junot Diaz.

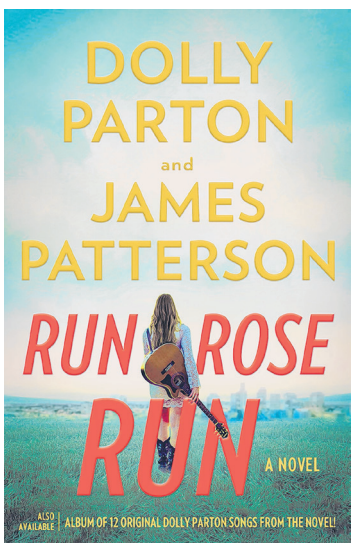
The process of writing "Glory" affirmed for her, she said, how "the struggle against injustice is the same really across borders, across time." No matter the difficulties citizens encounter, she said, the road to freedom begins in our own imaginations.

"We have to insist on imagining the worlds that we want to see," she said. "It matters to think that one day Zimbabwe will be free, one day all these countries that need to be free will be free."

NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Run, Rose, Run: A Novel" by Dolly Parton and James Patterson (Little, Brown) *Last week: 1*



2. "The Match" by Harlan Coben (Grand Central) *Last week: —*

3. "Shadows Reel (A Joe Pickett Novel)" by C.J. Box (Putnam) *Last week: 2*

4. "The Paris Apartment" by Lucy Foley (Morrow) *Last week: 4*

5. "High Stakes" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte) *Last week: 3*

6. "The Lightning Rod: A Zig and Nola Novel" by Brad Meltzer (Morrow) *Last week: 5*

7. "One Italian Summer: A Novel" by Rebecca Serle (Atria) *Last week: 6*

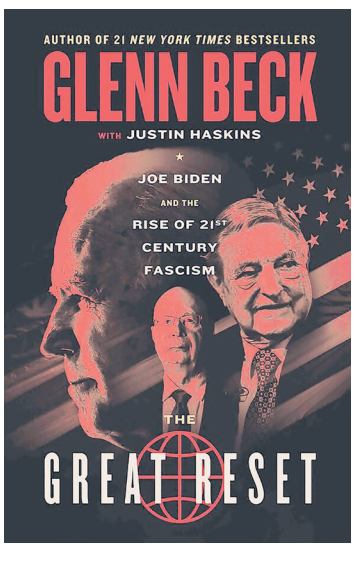
8. "Memory's Legion: The Complete Expanse Story Collection (The Expanse)" by James S.A. Corey (Orbit) *Last week: —*

9. "House of Sky and Breath (Crescent City Series #2)" by Sarah J. Maas (Bloomsbury) *Last week: 9*

10. "The Atlas Six" by Olivie Blake (Tor) *Last week: 10*

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "The Great Reset: Joe Biden and the Rise of Twenty-First-Century Fascism" by Glenn Beck (Forefront) *Last week: 4*



2. "WayMaker: Finding the Way to the Life You've Always Dreamed Of" by Ann Voskamp (Thomas Nelson) *Last week: —*

3. "CEO Excellence: The Six Mindsets That Distinguish the Best Leaders from the Rest" by Carolyn Dewar, Scott Keller and Vikram Malhotra (Scribner) *Last week: —*

4. "One Damn Thing After Another: Memoirs of an Attorney General" by William P. Barr (Morrow) *Last week: 2*

5. "D&D: Critical Role: Call of the Netherdeep" (Wizards of the Coast) *Last week: —*

6. "Lessons from the Edge: A Memoir" by Marie Yovanovitch (Mariner) *Last week: —*

7. "Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience" by Brene Brown (Random House) *Last week: 5*

8. "Life Force: How New Breakthroughs in Precision Medicine Can Transform the Quality of Your Life & Those You Love" by Tony Robbins (Simon & Schuster) *Last week: 11*

9. "The Wok: Recipes and Techniques" by J. Kenji Lopez-Alt (Norton) *Last week: 1*

10. "I'll Start Again Monday: Break the Cycle of Unhealthy Eating Habits with Lasting Spiritual Satisfaction" by Lysa TerKeurst (Thomas Nelson) *Last week: 12*

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— Publishers Weekly

'The First Kennedys' explores a dynasty's humble Irish roots

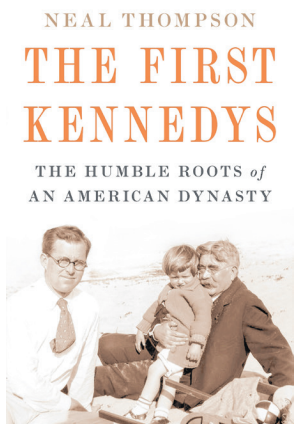
By William J. Kole
Associated Press

Think of the Kennedys and some elitist attributes come to mind: wealth, power, influence, elegance.

But the great-grandparents of John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy possessed none of those things. And the family's improbable journey from obscurity in Ireland to eventual prosperity and celebrity in the United States offers hope to America's latest arrivals from Afghanistan, Ukraine and beyond.

In "The First Kennedys," recently released by Harper Collins' Mariner Books, author Neal Thompson explores the little-known stories of Bridget Murphy Kennedy and Patrick Kennedy. Both independently fled famine in their homeland in the mid-1800s, fell in love in fiercely anti-immigrant Boston, and paved the way for the Kennedy political dynasty that followed.

This interview with Thompson has been edited for clarity and length.



'The First Kennedys'
By Neal Thompson; Mariner Books, 352 pages, $28.

Q: You open the book with Bridget burying her husband outside the city because "Boston doesn't want his Irish Catholic body in its soil." Was anti-Irish sentiment really that bad midway through the 19th century?
A: I was shocked to learn how deeply Boston and other parts of New England despised the incoming Irish and didn't want them as neighbors.

Newspaper articles from the 1800s sometimes expressed sentiments we've heard in recent years: "Send them back. They're bringing their disease to America. They're bringing their crazy religion to America."

Racism was worse against non-white immigrants, clearly, but some of what they were up against says a lot about who we were then and who we are now as a country, and our relationship with people fleeing other countries and trying to make a new start for themselves here.

Q: What surprised you in telling this story? Were there things about the early Kennedys you hadn't expected to find?
A: There were some remarkable "Holy Cow!" moments. When Bridget Murphy Kennedy came to America, she was part of this wave of female Irish immigrants at a time when the women leaving Ireland outnumbered the men. That says a lot about the risks these women were willing to take. It says something about the not-very-hopeful life they were leaving behind in Ireland, that they were willing to get on a dangerous ship and cross the ocean and come to a place they'd never been before, and face people who didn't want them here.

Q: You paint a picture of these women as strong and spirited. Many were working as maids, but they were cheeky and irreverent — not afraid to push back.
A: They fought for themselves. Many of these Irish women fought hard to move their way up into other jobs.

Bridget became a hairdresser and later a business owner. Others became teachers or nurses during the Civil War. They helped with the cause of abolition and fought for suffrage.

Q: For the better part of a century, we've had this obsession with "Camelot." Are people still obsessed with the Kennedys?
A: I think the Kennedys as a dynasty are definitely sort of fading, at least in the way that we've seen them through much of the 20th century and into the early parts of the 21st century. As a political dynasty, and as a family that represents something larger to a lot of us, I think that's on the wane.

Q: We're seeing an extraordinary wave of people leaving Ukraine, and like the Irish migration of the 19th century, it's a wave of women and children. And Afghan evacuees are seeking refuge in the United States. How can the Irish experience help us understand immigration today?
A: We are, in many ways, a country that embraces our place as a beacon for other people. If you have sound immigration policies and allow people to come here and make a start for themselves and work their way up, you can get a family like the Kennedys. It makes no sense to prevent others from coming here — and feeding the economic engine — and giving them the opportunity to move up the way the Kennedys did.

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MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT
VILLANOVA 50, HOUSTON 44

'Nova to 7th Final Four

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Jermaine Samuels had 16 points and 10 rebounds as Villanova advanced to its third Final Four in the last six NCAA Tournaments with a grind-it-out 50-44 victory over Houston in the South Region final Saturday.

Caleb Daniels added 14 points for the Wildcats (30-7), and fifth-year senior Collin Gillespie's only made field goal was a clutch shot late, even though Villanova led throughout.

With both teams willing to limit possessions, the first spot for this year's Final Four in New Orleans

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UCONN
MEN'S BASKETBALL

Grading the roster this season and next

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

The UConn men's basketball team will need to embrace the youth movement next season.

The average roster age could be the youngest everin the fifth season of coach Dan Hurley's tenure. The Huskies will have big shoes to fill with the departure of three key rotation players in forwards Tyler Polley and Isaiah Whaley and guard Tyrese Martin, who announced on Tuesday he wasn't coming back for another season and will be entering the NBA Draft.

Due to COVID-19, graduate guard R.J. Cole has an opportunity to come back for another season but hasn't announced his decision yet. If Cole departs, it will leave an opening at the point guard position.

The biggest question for the offseason will be how much the coaching staff trusts the current roster. Hurley could turn to the NCAA transfer portal to fill in the holes, although he didn't take any transfers after last year. Players who didn't play much in 2021-22 could look to move on, which would open up scholarship slots for UConn. Finding the right balance between the younger players, potential transfers and veterans will be pivotal.

Though the talent departure is significant, Hurley brings in an impressive class of recruits, two of which spent the season as redshirt freshmen: Corey Floyd Jr. and Alex Karaban.

Both Karaban and Floyd have said the opportunity to redshirt will allow them to make an immediate impact next season.

Here is a look at UConn's current roster, the incoming players, their roles this past season and their prospects for next season.

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WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT UCONN 75, INDIANA 58

UConn looks Elite in win over Indiana

UConn's Paige Bueckers reacts after an Azzi Fudd 3-pointer in the second half of an NCAA Bridgeport Regional semifinal game on Saturday at Total Mortgage Arena. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Paige Bueckers and Christyn Williams power impressive Huskies performance to notch Sweet 16 victory over Hoosiers

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

BRIDGEPORT — Indiana senior Aleksa Gulbe hit a buzzer-beating 3-pointer heading into halftime of the NCAA Bridgeport Regional semifinal game Saturday afternoon. That did not sit well with UConn's Christyn Williams.

"We were not happy with how the first half ended," she said.

And so in the third quarter UConn came out of the locker room and snuffed out any momentum the Hoosiers might have thought they possessed. Paige Bueckers banged in a 3-pointer 30 seconds in. Azzi Fudd missed a 3-pointer, but Olivia Nelson-Ododa put it back in. Williams hit a layup. Bueckers hit a layup.

Indiana called a timeout. Nothing changed. Coming out of it Bueckers had a steal and another layup.

That third-quarter run fueled UConn the rest of the game and the No. 2-seeded Huskies beat third-seeded Indiana 75-58 in front of 8,500 at Total Mortgage Arena to advance to their 16th straight Elite Eight game Monday night. UConn (28-5) will face top-seeded North Carolina State, a 66-63 winner over Notre Dame in the first semifinal Saturday, in the regional final at 7 p.m. with a trip to the Final Four in Minneapolis on the line.

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Bridgeport Regional final:
No. 2 UConn vs. No. 1 NC State, Monday, time TBA

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Wolfpack earn meeting with Huskies after pulling off late stunner vs. Notre Dame
Top seed Louisville knocks off Tennessee in regional semifinals
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UConn's Christyn Williams drives to the hoop against Indiana's Mackenzie Holmes on Saturday. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

YANKEES

GM: Judge will have an offer before Opening Day

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

TAMPA, Fla. — With 12 days left until Opening Day, the Yankees are preparing to make a multi-year offer to Aaron Judge, and the slugger seemed to leave the door open for more time for negotiations. Yankees GM Brian Cashman confirmed Saturday the team would make an extension offer to Judge before the April 7 Opening Day. That was the deadline set by Judge, who hedged on that Saturday.

"I'm pretty sure, but if there are negotiations, and I won't be talking to you guys about it at all, but we haven't decided yet," Judge said about talking past that deadline. "But for right now it's firm."

The Yankees would seemingly have a little more wiggle room to try and get a deal done with the face of their franchise, but after a fairly large discrepancy between arbitration numbers, they have to try and find some common ground with their star.

"Between now and Opening Day, obviously, we've said we'll make an offer and he'll obviously receive an offer and all conversations will have taken place and will either resolve into a multi-year deal or won't," Yankees GM Brian Cashman said Saturday afternoon. "So I'm not going to say when or what it's going to [be] and keep people updated. Again, I'll restate what we said before:

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UConn WBB: NCAA Elite Eight vs. NC State, Monday, 7 p.m.; NCAA Final Four (if necessary) vs. Texas/Stanford, Friday, time TBD; NCAA Championship (if necessary) vs. TBD, April 3, 8 p.m.
Celtics: Timberwolves, Sunday, 6 p.m.; at Raptors, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; Heat, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Knicks: at Pistons, Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; Bulls, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; Hornets, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Nets: Hornets, Sunday, 7:30 p.m.; Pistons, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; Bucks, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Bruins: Maple Leafs, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Devils, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jackets, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Rangers: Sabres, Sunday, 5 p.m.; at Penguins, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Red Wings, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Wolf Pack: Utica, Monday, 7 p.m.; at W-B/Scranton, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Belleville, Friday, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING
12:55 p.m.: Formula 1 Racing Saudi Arabia Grand Prix. (Live) ESPN
3:30 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series EchoPark Automotive Grand Prix. (Live) FOX
BASEBALL
12 p.m.: Georgia at Kentucky. (Live) SEC
1 p.m.: Phillies at Jays. (Live) SPRTNET
1 p.m.: Cardinals at Mets. (Live) MLB
1 p.m.: Red Sox at Twins. (Live) NESN
2 p.m.: Army at Navy. (Live) CBSSN
3 p.m.: Alabama at Mississippi State. (Live) SEC
4 p.m.: White Sox at Dodgers. (Live) MLB
BASKETBALL
1 p.m.: Fort Wayne Mad Ants at Maine Celtics. (Live) NBA
2 p.m.: NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Regional Final: Miami vs. Kansas. (Live) CBS
3:30 p.m.: Grand Rapids Gold at Wisconsin Herd. (Live) NBA
3:30 p.m.: New York Knicks at Detroit Pistons. (Live), MSG.
4:30 p.m.: NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Regional Final: Saint Peter's vs. North Carolina. (Live) CBS
6 p.m.: Minnesota Timberwolves at Boston Celtics. (Live), NBCSB.
7 p.m.: NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament: South Carolina vs. Creighton. (Live) ESPN
7:30 p.m.: Charlotte Hornets at Brooklyn Nets. (Live), YES.
9 p.m.: NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Regional Final: Texas vs. Stanford. (Live) ESPN
BOATING
5 p.m.: Sailing SailGP: Mubadala U.S. Grand Prix. (Live) CBSSN
EQUESTRIAN
3 p.m.: America's Day at the Races. (Live) FS1
GOLF
10 a.m.: WGC - Dell Technologies Match Play, Semifinals. (Live) GOLF
2 p.m.: Corales Puntacana Championship, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: WGC - Dell Technologies Match Play, Final. (Live) NBC
5 p.m.: JTBC Classic, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
9 p.m.: WGC - Dell Technologies Match Play, Final. (Taped) GOLF
HOCKEY
2 p.m.: Lightning at Islanders. (Live) TNT
4 p.m.: NCAA Tournament, Quarterfinal. (Live) ESPN2
5 p.m.: Buffalo Sabres at New York Knicks. (Live), MSGPlus.
6:30 p.m.: NCAA Tournament, Quarterfinal. (Live) ESPN2
LACROSSE
12 p.m.: Ohio State at Rutgers. (Live) ESPNU
MOTORCYCLE RACING
10 a.m.: AMA Supercross Monster Energy Series, Round 12. (Taped) CNBC
SOCCER
1 p.m.: FA Women's Super League Teams TBA. (Live) NBC
4 p.m.: FIFA World Cup 2022 Qualifying Canada vs Jamaica. (Live) SPRTNET
4 p.m.: MLS Soccer Orlando City SC at Portland Timbers. (Live) ESPN
6:30 p.m.: FIFA Eliminatorias Copa Mundial 2022 Honduras vs. México. (Live) TELE
7 p.m.: FIFA World Cup 2022 Qualifying United States vs Panama. (Live) FS1
SOFTBALL
12 p.m.: Duke at Notre Dame. (Live) ACC
1 p.m.: LSU at Arkansas. (Live) ESPN2
2 p.m.: Syracuse at Georgia Tech. (Live) ACC
2 p.m.: Tennessee at Florida. (Live) ESPNU
4 p.m.: NC State at North Carolina. (Live) ACC
7 p.m.: UCLA at Washington. (Live) ESPNU
TENNIS
11 a.m.: ATP/WTA Tennis Miami Open, ATP 3rd Round, WTA 3rd Round. (Live) TENNIS

Rafael Devers rounds the bases after hitting a two-run home run against the Nationals on Oct. 3 in Washington. **NICK WASS/AP**

RED SOX

Devers is 'becoming a man' this spring

By Steve Hewitt
Boston Herald

FORT MYERS, Fla. — John Henry made his first visit of the spring to JetBlue Park on Saturday, and the Red Sox owner watched Rafael Devers blast two monster home runs.

Maybe the Red Sox will broach their star third baseman about contract extension talks now?

The Red Sox reportedly haven't yet, and they'd obviously be wise to as his free agency looms after the 2023 season. And if his career to date somehow hasn't been enough to convince them, the way Devers is approaching his sixth major-league season should leave no doubt.

The 25-year-old Devers is not only performing like a franchise fixture on the field, he's acting like it behind the scenes.

This spring, according to manager Alex Cora, he's consistently been the first to the facility in the morning to hit the weight room. He's changed the way the team structures its batting practices by asking for a bunting machine to be incorporated. And he's evolving as a leader and telling those around to follow him.

Devers is no longer that 20-year-old wide-eyed kid who debuted in 2017.

"The way he's going about his business, it's different," Cora said. "You can tell. I do believe he understands what he means to the organization and where he's at in his career. ...

"He's becoming a man, and it's fun to watch. He's only 25. That's the cool thing."

Oftentimes last season — as Devers hit a career-high 38 homers, produced 113 RBI and became a first-time All-Star — Cora would mention that his third baseman wasn't being discussed enough as one of the game's bright young stars.

Fernando Tatis Jr., Juan Soto, Ronald Acuna and Vladimir Guerrero Jr. were among the names that were always brought up. Rarely was it Devers, despite comparable numbers and a World Series ring, too. Xander Bogaerts is in the same category.

That might change this season, and Cora believes it should. But even if it doesn't, it doesn't seem like being overlooked is something that drives Devers to be great.

RED SOX NOTES

Wacha working to prove himself again

By Steve Hewitt
Boston Herald

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Michael Wacha is right where he wants to be.

The new Red Sox starter entered the spring with the goal of proving himself again, and thus far, he's showing that he'll be more than viable at the back of the rotation with Chris Sale out. He threw four innings Saturday in his second start of the spring, allowing two runs on four hits, and came away encouraged.

The plan was for Wacha to pitch four innings, but he did it so efficiently that he threw another inning on the back field after. Through two spring starts, the veteran right-hander has given up just two earned runs over seven innings, and with two starts left before the regular season, he likes his progress.

"I'm pretty happy with where I'm at with how I'm being built up and pitch count and things like that," Wacha said. "The stuff has been playing well, just some different sequence stuff that I need to be a little bit more conscious of on how stuff is playing and I'll definitely be working on that over the next couple of weeks before game time."

Wacha will be the Red Sox' No. 4 starter to begin the season, likely making his first outing against the Tigers on April 11. The Sox took a flier on the 30-year-old — signing him to a one-year, $7 million deal before the lockout — despite a recent history of injuries and inconsistency, but they're hoping to unlock the pitcher who looked like an ace early in his career.

Wacha is working to fulfill that, too.

Pivotal point: Just 12 days away from Opening Day, it's starting to become crunch time at Red Sox camp.

Alex Cora wants his regulars seeing as much time on the field as possible. Xander Bogaerts, Rafael Devers, J.D. Martinez and most of the Opening Day starters played on Saturday, and they'll continue to see regular time throughout the week.

And Cora expects a significant cutdown day on Sunday as he whittles the roster down.

"We're running out of innings, we're running out of at-bats," Cora said. "We'll probably make another cut (Sunday). A big one. The smaller the group, the better it's going to be for us."

YANKEES NOTES

Blue Jays make impression in 9-2 win

By Erik Boland
Newsday

TAMPA, Fla. — The Yankees had their struggles against the Blue Jays in 2021, going 8-11 vs. the powerful, athletic Toronto lineup, and they're 0-for-2 so far this spring against a team many see as the favorite in the AL East in 2022.

They were outhit, 13-6 in a 9-2 loss last Tuesday in Dunedin, and fell behind 8-4 after seven innings in a 10-9 loss Saturday at Steinbrenner Field. The Blue Jays outhit the Yankees, 13-11, Saturday.

"A lot of good, young talent over there," Giancarlo Stanton, who hit a titanic homer halfway up the scoreboard in left-center Saturday, said of the Blue Jays. "They're going to be a good team."

Aaron Judge, who doubled and scored a run Saturday, cited young stars Vlad Guerrero Jr. and Bo Bichette, among others.

"Those guys are just going to continue to get better," Judge said. "They've got a great outfield, a great infield core. They're going to be a tough opponent all year."

Which isn't to say the Yankees feel they're lacking when it comes to their lineup.

"Very dynamic," Stanton said in describing his club. "We're going to be great as well but, again, we've got to just put it together for a full season."

Add-ons coming?: GM Brian Cashman continues looking for reinforcements, particularly in the starting pitching department but, to this point, the asking prices from opposing teams that have rotation help available — the A's, for example — have been prohibitive.

"We've stayed in touch, engaged a lot of clubs about what our needs seem to be right now," Cashman said. "If something comes out of any of those discussions, great. And if not, we're prepared to go with what we have here and pull from what we have in the minors."

With a projected payroll in the range of $256 million for this season, Cashman quickly came to the defense of managing general partner Hal Steinbrenner when asked how much "leeway" he had to add to the payroll.

Birdie time: Greg Bird, a fifth-round pick of the Yankees in 2011 whose career in pinstripes was ruined by injuries, pinch hit with runners at second and third with one out in the seventh against righty Vinny Nittoli in the seventh and one out. Bird, who signed a minor league deal with Toronto earlier this month and who heard a small handful of boos when announced Saturday, drew a walk. The first baseman, who has an outside chance to stick as a DH/backup first baseman, then crushed a two-run homer in the eighth off righty Reggie McClain, giving the 29-year-Bird a .417 batting average and 1.588 OPS in six Grapefruit League games.

Keeping hidden: The Yankees had Jameson Taillon, who made his spring debut five days before, pitch a three-inning simulated game at the club's minor league complex late Saturday morning rather the face the Blue Jays, whom he'll likely face the second series of the regular season.

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we will commit, we will make an offer and then hear what he has to say in response and then it'll be penciled down, obviously. Before Opening Day. I think we all understand that too."

Judge is looking for a long-term deal, having said he wants to be a Yankee for life, but first the sides are still not agreeing on the one-year deal in his final year of arbitration. The Yankees offered $17 million, Judge countered with $21 million.

Cashman said that the Yankees only go to arbitration if they "are dragged into it." Judge, who was offered less than Juan Soto who has fewer years of experience, said he'd hoped to avoid it, but is ready if it comes to "bringing out the boxing gloves."

"Like I've said, I want to be here. Any way we can lock that up and get a chance to play here for quite a few more years, that'd be great," Judge said after the Yankees 10-9 loss to the Blue Jays at George M. Steinbrenner Field. "But if it happens. It happens. If it doesn't, it doesn't."

The soon-to-be 30-year-old is coming off one of his most complete years in the big leagues.

The three-time All-Star slashed .287/.373/.544 with a .916 OPS, 39 homers and 98 RBI in 148 games in 2021 According to Baseball Savant, Judge was among the league leaders in average exit velocity (95.8 mph), max exit velo (119) and hard-hit percentage (58.4%). He also led the Yankees in WAR (5.4).

Overall, his six years in the big leagues has been exceptional, averaging .276/.386/.554 and a .940 OPS. He was the 2017 Rookie of the Year, runner up to Jose Altuve in that same season for MVP and a Home Run Derby champion.

Aaron Judge warms up before a spring training game on Friday. **LYNNE SLADKY/AP**

One major league executive suggested a five-year, $185 million deal would be where his team would be comfortable going with a player like Judge.

He used comps from Alex Bregman and George Springer for a contract guideline. Bregman signed a five-year, $100-million extension with the Astros in his age 25 season. Springer signed a six-year, $150 million deal with the Blue Jays.

"Obviously, there's two parties involved in this and obviously Aaron said that he wants that part of things to end before Opening Day, so either it is resolved and out of the way or resolved on the opposite end and we'll do a one year and play it out," Cashman said. "All I can reassure you is obviously all those conversations will have taken place before Opening Day and in one way or the other, we know we will know where we stand when the dust settles on whether we're playing a year out together, or whether we have an extension to discuss."

METS

Scherzer's debut to be exclusively on Apple TV, not SNY

By Deesha Thosar
New York Daily News

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Max Scherzer's Mets debut will not be called by the SNY broadcasting trio of Gary Cohen, Keith Hernandez and Ron Darling. Actually, it won't be broadcasted on any cable outlet.

The Mets-Nationals game on Friday, April 8 will be exclusively aired on Apple TV Plus, kicking off Major League Baseball's recently announced streaming deal with the tech company. The Washington Post was the first to announce the scheduled programming.

The game will be available for free and will not require an Apple TV Plus subscription. But fans will need to have or download the app in order to watch the Mets' second regular-season game of the year.

Solid start for Walker: It took Taijuan Walker just nine pitches, against some of the best hitters in baseball, to efficiently retire the side in the first inning Saturday. That quick work signaled Walker's return to the mound following a bit of an unconventional offseason for the right-hander.

Max Scherzer pitches in a spring training game on Monday in Jupiter, Fla. **SUE OGROCKI/AP**

Walker's Grapefruit League debut in the Mets' 4-2 win over the Nationals was delayed until Saturday at Clover Park because the 29-year-old was working his way back from a January knee procedure. His two scoreless innings, with no walks or strikeouts, across 20 pitches were encouraging for the righty.

"It felt good to be back out there," said Walker, who added he threw 20 more pitches in the bullpen after his outing. "I like where I'm at right now."

He retired Juan Soto and Nelson Cruz with ease, and only gave up one hit to Nationals left fielder Lane Thomas on a high pop-up that Luis Guillorme lost in the sun. When catcher Keiburt Ruiz hit a comebacker to Walker, he stepped off the mound, easily retrieved the ball, and fired to first for the out. Walker said his knee injury, which developed after a routine offseason workout, is no longer on his mind.

Walker, the Mets No. 4 starter behind Jacob deGrom, Max Scherzer and Chris Bassitt, still has two weeks to continue building up his pitch count before his first scheduled turn in the rotation on April 10 against the Nationals.

So far, Mets manager Buck Showalter and Walker believe he will be able to make that regular-season start. Walker said he has not spoken to the Mets about potentially getting stretched out in the minors versus joining the team in Washington D.C.

Marte's debut: Starling Marte (sore left oblique) is tired of all the waiting around. He just wants to get back in a game. The Mets expect him to do so on Sunday against the Cardinals, potentially, in what will be his Grapefruit League debut. As of Saturday night, Showalter said the Mets were still discussing whether Marte would be better off facing live pitching rather than being in the starting lineup. Marte prefers the latter.

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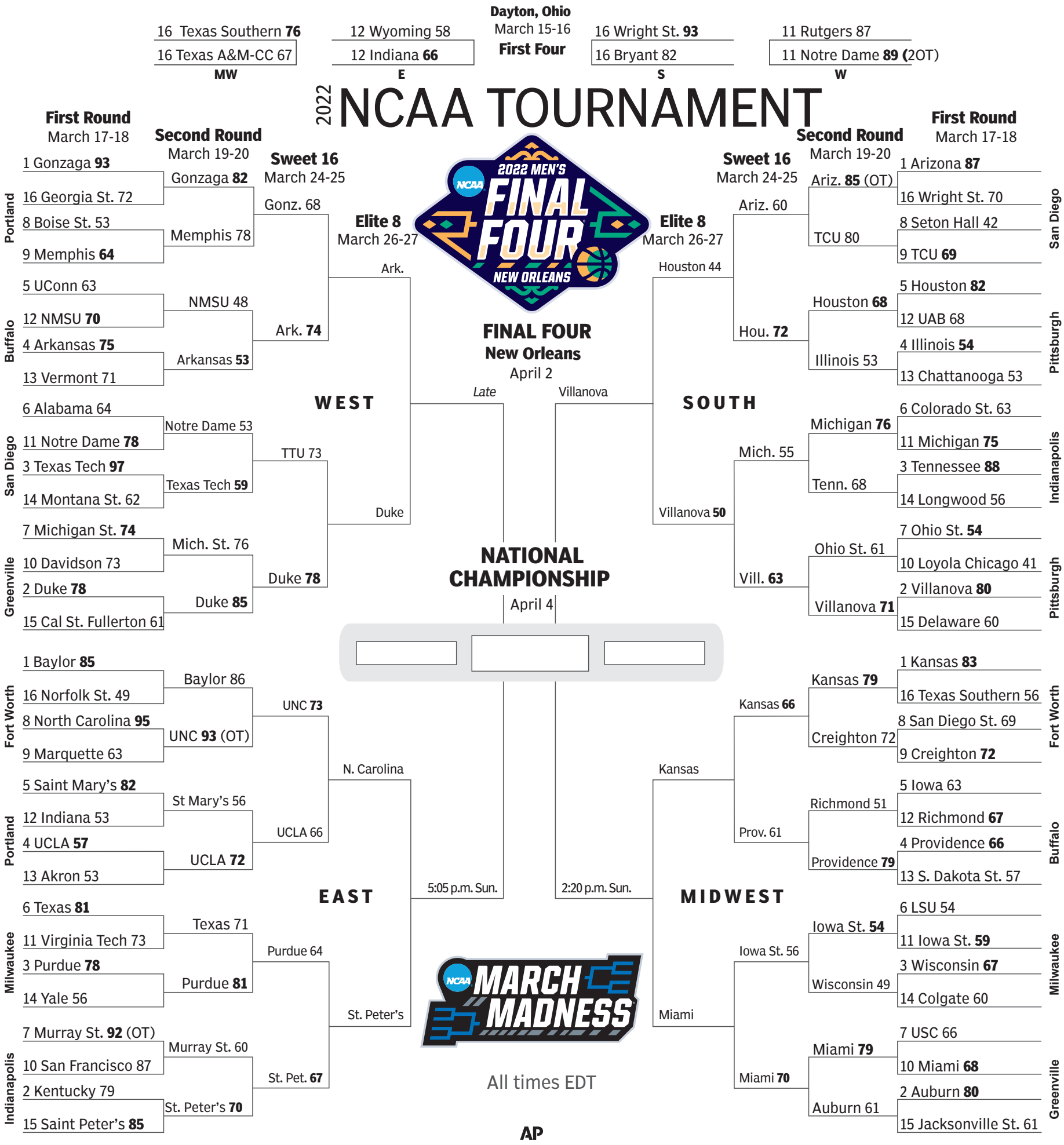

COMMENTARY

Proud as Peacocks

Saint Peter's trying to become biggest Cinderella of them all

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

Saint Peter's Jaylen Murray, left, and Latrell Reid celebrate after beating Purdue in the Sweet 16 on Friday in Philadelphia. **MATT ROURKE/AP**

Something about Saint Peter's doesn't add up. Put aside for the moment how the Peacocks keep winning games. It's hard enough getting a handle on what they do well.

No. 2 Kentucky couldn't, seventh-seeded Murray State didn't, and by the end of their Sweet 16 matchup Friday, No. 3 Purdue was left grasping at air. That's the short answer to how the Peacocks became the first 15 seed in the history of the NCAA Tournament to book a spot in the Elite Eight.

Saint Peter's isn't long on experienced players, like the mid-majors that have been turning over the tables at the tournament in recent years. The Peacocks aren't big, either, which means 6-foot-7 KC Ndefo, their best and most experienced player, often plays out of position. They don't have a real star, let alone a surefire NBA prospect.

What they do better than anyone else is turn those doubts into fuel.

"What," coach Shaheen Holloway asked after his Peacocks held off the Boilermakers for a 67-64 win, "are they going to say now?"

"Good luck" would be a good start, since Saint Peter's draws blueblood North Carolina — which already holds the record for most Final Four appearances (20) — in Sunday's East Regional Final. The Tar Heels beat UCLA 73-66, after Caleb Love made the game-tying and go-ahead 3-pointers 37 seconds apart, then added two free throws with 7.8 seconds left to seal the win.

Love shot for 1 for 8 in the first half, and in a move likely to be commemorated in a sneaker ad by the time you read this, changed shoes at halftime after Eric Hoots, the team's director of operations, suggested the switch. Love went 10 for 16 in the second.

"I'm going to give him a raise," Tar Heels coach Hubert Davis said, referring to Hoots and not Love.

Coach Bill Self might be in line for a pay bump himself after the Kansas Jayhawks, the lone remaining No. 1 seed, locked up Providence on the defensive end of the floor and held on for a 66-61 win. In the bargain, Kansas advanced to face No. 10 Miami, and also moved ahead of Kentucky for most wins in Division I history with 2,354.

History, however, didn't come easy. Despite scoring just 17 first-half points and trailing by 13 early in the second half, the Friars roared back behind Noah Horchler, who hit a pair of 3-pointers to pull within 41-40 at the midway point. Horchler then added a layup with 5:49 left to give Providence its first lead at 48-47.

"I don't know that I totally buy in 100 percent that we don't ever get rattled," Self said afterward. "But I do think ... our league (the Big 12) has prepared us in the way you play so many close games. Every game is a fistfight."

The Hurricanes beat 11th-seeded Iowa State 70-56 in the nightcap, though the matchup of two of the most suffocating defenses left in the tourney was a mostly one-sided affair. The Cyclones shot 32% in the second half, submarining their own cause by turning the ball over 18 times.

Miami's Kameron McGusty led all scorers with 27 points on 10-of-18 shooting and added six rebounds.

"At the beginning of the season if we told you we were going to the Elite Eight, everybody would laugh at us and look at us crazy," McGusty said. "Even three weeks into the season, everybody would look at us crazy."

The Peacocks, and especially their 45-year-old coach, know the feeling. The arc of Holloway's basketball career is worthy of a documentary, though there are likely several more chapters still to be written, and the one about his stay at Saint Peter's might be close to finished.

Holloway was one of the best point-guard prospects in the country in high school, wresting MVP honors in the 1996 McDonald's All-American game from the likes of Kobe Bryant, Richard Hamilton and Mike Bibby. He spurned scholarship offers from Duke, Kansas and Syracuse to stay close to home and chose Seton Hall.

A freak ankle injury in a 2000 tournament game against Temple ended both his college career and his chances of playing in the NBA. Instead of bitterness over what might have been, he went to work preparing to become a coach. The two themes that defined Holloway — loyalty and a pick-yourself-up-after-you've-been-knocked down mentality — proved irresistible to the collection of overlooked and under-recruited he drew to a tiny commuter school in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Saint Peter's will be a big underdog yet again when it meets North Carolina. What the Peacocks won't be is awed.

Asked after the Murray State upset how his players handled being pushed around by a bigger, more experienced team, Holloway just scoffed. His answer has become the Peacocks' mantra.

"I got guys from New Jersey and New York City," he said. "You think we're scared of anything?"

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Miami (26-10) vs. Kansas (31-6)

Where, when, TV: Chicago, 2:20 p.m. EDT, CBS
Bottom line: The Jayhawks have a 5-2 record in games decided by 3 points or fewer. The Hurricanes are 7-4 in one-possession games.
Top performers: Jalen Wilson is averaging 11.2 points and 7.3 rebounds for the Jayhawks. Ochai Agbaji is averaging 10.1 points over the last 10 games for Kansas. Charlie Moore is averaging 12.6 points, 4.7 assists and two steals for the Hurricanes. Kameron McGusty is averaging 11.7 points and 1.5 steals over the past 10 games for Miami.
Last 10 games: Jayhawks: 8-2, averaging 75.8 points, 39.6 rebounds, 13.5 assists, 5.6 steals and 5.9 blocks per game while shooting 43.6% from the field. Their opponents have averaged 63.2 points per game. Hurricanes: 7-3, averaging 72.7 points, 29.4 rebounds, 17.6 assists, 10.5 steals and 5.3 blocks per game while shooting 46.2% from the field. Their opponents have averaged 62.9 points.

St. Peter's (22-11) vs. N. Carolina (27-9)

Where, when, TV: Philadelphia, 5:05 p.m. EDT, CBS
Bottom line: The Tar Heels were fifth in the ACC with 31.9 points per game in the paint led by Armando Bacot averaging 11.4. The Peacocks are 2-4 in games decided by 3 points or fewer.
Top performers: Brady Manek is shooting 39.1% from beyond the arc with 2.4 made 3-pointers per game for the Tar Heels, while averaging 15.1 points and 5.9 rebounds. Caleb Love is shooting 33.1% and averaging 11.2 points over the past 10 games for North Carolina. Matthew Lee is averaging seven points for the Peacocks. Doug Edert is averaging 8.7 points over the last 10 games for Saint Peter's.
Last 10 games: Tar Heels: 9-1, averaging 87.6 points, 41.9 rebounds, 20.8 assists, 4.6 steals and 3.5 blocks per game while shooting 45.5% from the field. Their opponents have averaged 73.1 points per game. Peacocks: 10-0, averaging 75.1 points, 28.9 rebounds, 14.1 assists, 5.8 steals and 4.9 blocks per game while shooting 44.6% from the field. Their opponents have averaged 68.8 points.

Number to know

1,000 to 1: Odds for Saint Peter's to win the NCAA Tournament entering the Round of 64. After Friday's win over Purdue advanced them to the Elite Eight (the only 15 seed to do it), the Peacocks' chances to win the Big Dance now stand at 50 to 1.

— Associated Press

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Monday: vs. NC State, Bridgeport Regional final, time TBA, ESPN

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Men

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Graduates/Seniors

Tyler Polley
Grade: B
2021-22 role: Polley was a key bench player for the Huskies. He played 33 games, averaging 20.2 minutes and 7.6 points. He had a very erratic shooting start to the season but slowly found his groove.

Next season: After five seasons, Polley's tenure at UConn is officially over. Every team needs a shooter, and Polley could play overseas.

Isaiah Whaley
Grade: B+
2021-22 role: Whaley played 32 games and averaged 7.7 points, 4.8 rebounds and 2.2 blocks per game. He did all the dirty work while helping anchor the impressive UConn defense.

Next season: After his fifth season, his tenure will end with the Huskies. Whaley could play overseas or put his degree in Urban and Community Studies to use.

R.J. Cole
Grade: A+
2021-22 role: Cole was an ironman for UConn. He played 33 games, averaging 33.6 minutes, 15.8 points and 4.1 assists. He made the All-Big East First Team.

Next season: Cole could come back for a final season or have a long career in the higher-tier overseas leagues.

Tyrese Martin
Grade: A
2021-22 role: Martin played 29 games, averaging 32 minutes, 13.6 points and 7.5 rebounds. He was a pivotal third option on the UConn team and shot 43% from beyond the arc.

Next season: Martin hopes to play in the NBA next season. According to most mock drafts, he is projected to either be a late second-round pick or undrafted.

Juniors

Akok Akok
Grade: C
2021-22 role: Akok played 23 games, averaging 14 minutes and 3.4 points. The forward struggled with injury issues and saw his playing time dwindle as the season went along

Next season: After a season where he saw his role diminished, it's unclear if Akok will ever get steady minutes.

Jalen Gaffney
Grade: C-
2021-22 role: While he had a few positive moments, Gaffney struggled during the season. He played 33 games, averaging 12.8 minutes and 4 points.

Next season: If Cole leaves, he could potentially step in to play more minutes. If he's searching for starting role, he could transfer.

Sophomores

Richie Springs
Grade: N/A
2021-22 role: Springs saw limited action this season as he played eight games, averaging 3.5 minutes and 1.3 points.

Next season: He didn't see much action this season, but with key players leaving, he could see a rise in minutes.

Andre Jackson
Grade: B+
2021-22 role: Jackson improved significantly throughout the season and showcased his potential. He played 33 games, averaging 29.2 minutes, 6.8 points, 6.8 rebounds and 3.1 assists. On offense, he played the role of the secondary ball handler.

Next season: The Huskies could lean on him to fill the scoring void and potentially even play the point guard position.

Adama Sanogo
Grade: A
2021-22 role: The starting center took a giant leap forward, earning All-Big East First Team honors. Sanogo played 29 games, averaging 29.2 minutes, 14.8 points and 8.8 rebounds. He was a crucial piece in the UConn defense, averaging 1.9 blocks per game.

Next season: Sanogo is perhaps the most important player for UConn next season. If he can add a jump shot to his game, it will make him that much more lethal on the offensive end.

Freshman

Rahsool Diggins
Grade: N/A
2021-22 role: Like many freshmen, Diggins didn't get much playing time. He played in nine games, averaging 5.1 minutes and 0.8 points.

Next season: Diggins should see his role increase if Cole leaves. However, Hurley hasn't been the highest on him throughout the season, so it's pivotal to see how the offseason plays out.

Samson Johnson
Grade: N/A
2021-22 role: Johnson played in 13 games, averaging 5.3 minutes and 1.7 points. He got thrown into the fire against Villanova and struggled against the Wildcats' Eric Dixon.

Next season: Hurley has praised Johnson throughout the season, but he also talked about how he needs to limit mistakes. He should see his minutes increase regardless. How much of an increase in minutes depends on Johnson playing error-free.

Jordan Hawkins
Grade: B+
2021-22 role: He's the only freshman to see significant minutes this season. Any time he stepped on the court, he showed why Hurley trusted him. Hawkins played 27 games, averaging 14.7 minutes, and scored 5.8 points per game.

Next season: He should crack the starting lineup next season and will be pivotal in helping to replace the scoring void.

Incoming freshmen

Corey Floyd, Jr.
2021-22 role: Floyd sat out the year as a redshirt freshman.

Next season: He should see minutes at guard and could be in the running for starting point guard if Cole leaves.

Alex Karaban
2021-22 role: Karaban sat out the year as a redshirt freshman.

Next season: He will be instrumental in providing shooting for UConn and can play multiple positions.

Donovan Clingan
High school status: Clingan won his second straight Gatorade Connecticut Boys Basketball Player of the Year award. The 7-foot-2, 260-pound senior led Bristol Central to its first state championship since 1990, scoring 25 points and 24 rebounds.

Next season: Clingan should immediately impact the Huskies with his offensive ability. However, the most important thing will be to improve his overall conditioning to play more minutes.

Recruiting

If Cole returns, it won't count against the 13 scholarship spots. Currently, UConn has two scholarship spots open. The Huskies could look to the transfer portal to fill those two spots or incoming freshmen who have decommitted. Stephon Castle from Georgia is the first Huskies commit for 2023.

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Connecticut freshman guard Jordan Hawkins handles the ball during the first half against Georgetown on Feb. 27 in Washington, D.C. Connecticut won 86-77. **NICK WASS/AP**

Villanova

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was settled in a game that was ugly to watch with all the missed shots.

Villanova shot 28.8% from the field (15 of 52). The Cougars were only slightly better at 29.8% (17 of 57), missing their last five shots and 10 of 11 overall, and they made only one of their of 20 attempted 3-pointers in their lowest-scoring NCAA tourney game ever.

The Wildcats and coach Jay Wright won't complain as he seeks to add a third national title to the ones he won in 2016 and 2018. Villanova will play either Kansas, the only No. 1 seed remaining, or 10th-seeded Miami next Saturday as it seeks its fourth championship overall.

Taze Moore had 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Cougars (32-6), who were denied making consecutive Final Four appearances for the first time since 1982-84 during the Phil Slama Jama era.

The starting five was completely changed from last season, including Moore and two other senior newcomers.

After Villanova missed three shots on the same possession — and was still without any second-chance points in the game — Moore got the long rebound on the break. After initially slowing things down, Moore scored on a drive against Gillespie, getting Houston within 42-40 with 5 minutes, 25 seconds left.

It was the closest the Cougars had been in the game at AT&T Center, only about 200 miles from their campus, and the crowd was in a frenzy when Wright called timeout. Houston never got a chance to take the lead.

Gillespie, who played in the national championship game for the Wildcats in 2018, was 1-of-6 shooting. But his only field goal came on the possession after the timeout, when he stepped inside the 3-point line and hit a jumper with 5:02 left.

There was a nearly two-minute scoring drought before Justin Moore made two free throws — the Wildcats were a perfect 15-of-15 from the line. A foul by J'Wan Roberts bailed them out with the shot clock about to run out. Those were Villanova's first and only second-chance points.

Villanova had scored the first five points of the game, including a 3-pointer by Samuels on the first shot.

Samuels was also on that 2018 title team as a freshman with Gillespie, but the 6-foot-7 forward logged only one minute total while making late-game appearances in those two Final Four games.

As a senior, Samuels goes into the Final Four after being named MVP of the South Region. He is averaging 17.5 points a game in this NCAA tourney — so far.

Justin Moore suffered a lower leg injury in the final minute of the game and was on crutches during the Wildcats' postgame celebration. Moore was dribbling against a defender when it looked as if he slipped and fell, then went back down after trying to get up.

Villanova celebrates with the trophy after its win against Houston on Saturday in San Antonio during an Elite Eight game in the NCAA Tournament. **ERIC GAY / AP**

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

LOUISVILLE 76, TENNESSEE 64

Van Lith, Engstler lead Louisville past Vols

Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Hailey Van Lith and Emily Engstler knew Louisville had allowed far too many leads to slip away in the fourth quarter this season, including the disheartening loss to Miami in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament.

Van Lith and Engstler refused to let it happen again in the NCAA Tournament.

Van Lith poured in 23 points with six assists and was solid at the foul stripe down the stretch, while Emily Engstler had 20 points and 10 rebounds to help the top-seeded Cardinals withstand Tennessee's frantic comeback for a 76-64 victory on Saturday that sent coach Jeff Walz's bunch back to the Elite Eight for the fourth straight time.

Kianna Smith also had 12 points for the Cardinals (28-4), whose 15-point lead was whittled to two in the fourth quarter before they pulled away to set up a date with third-seeded Michigan or No. 10 seed South Dakota on Monday.

"We just kept reminding each other that as long as we get stops and rebounds, we'll be up no matter what," Van Lith said afterward, "no matter if we score or not. We were able to execute that. All of our players stepped up and got rebounds and made good plays on defense and we were able to pull away."

The Cardinals have become one of the nation's dominant women's programs under Walz — much like the Lady Vols were for so many years under Pat Summitt — but they are still chasing their first national championship.

"It's been a really long journey," said Engstler, a transfer from Syracuse, "and I just think sometimes you have a feeling. I feel really good about this team and I think we're going to get there."

Rae Burrell led No. 4 seed Tennessee (25-9) with 22 points, but she didn't get a whole lot of help from the rest of her team, which had 18 turnovers and was 5 of 21 from beyond the arc. Jordan Walker had 10 points but also had five turnovers.

"Louisville is tough. They're so tough on both ends of the court," Lady Vols coach Kellie Harper said. "We needed to play with a few less mistakes at both ends of the court. But we don't have any quit in us. We cut it to two, we gave ourselves a chance in the fourth quarter. Love 'em for that."

NC STATE 66, NOTRE DAME 63

Wolfpack steal Sweet 16 win

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

North Carolina State's Raina Perez and Elissa Cunane celebrate with teammates after their 66-63 win over Notre Dame in an NCAA Bridgeport Regional semifinal game on Saturday at Total Mortgage Arena, Bridgeport. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

BRIDGEPORT — Raina Perez stole the ball at midcourt and went in for a layup with 14.8 seconds left, then made a crucial rebound and hit two free throws with 1.5 left to lift No.1 seed North Carolina State to a 66-63 victory over Notre Dame in the NCAA's Sweet 16 at Total Mortgage Arena on Saturday.

The Wolfpack will play UConn, a 75-58 winner over Indiana, in the Bridgeport Regional final on Monday night.

"That show, 'Everybody loves Raymond?' NC State coach Wes Moore said. "It's now 'Everybody loves *Raina*.' It's going to be a series for a long time. Just unbelievable."

Notre Dame, after missing the tournament last season, led for nearly 32 minutes, almost all of the second, third and fourth quarters. The Fighting Irish led by as many as 10 as Olivia Miles, with a series of spectacular plays, had 21 points, six rebounds and six assists. Her reverse layup produced a 63-59 lead with 1:48 left.

But NC State edged back in. It missed a chance to tie when Elissa Cunane (16 points, 10 rebounds) missed the second of two free throws with 36 seconds left. Notre Dame, though, had trouble handling the ball against the Wolfpack's pressure.

Finally, with 18 seconds left Perez, a grad transfer from Cal State Fullerton, tipped the ball away from Dara Mabry and took it to the rim to give NC State its first lead since the first quarter. ND had time for one last shot but Maddy Westbeld missed a 3-pointer and the 5-foot-4 Perez came away with the rebound and drew a foul. She then sank both free throws to end it. Perez was only 2-for-9 from the floor but had four steals.

"[Mabry] turned her back," Perez said. "The ball was still stuck at her hip so I went for it, got the steal."

Both teams started out misfiring, but NC State asserted its advantage as the first quarter ended to edge ahead 16-12. In the second Notre Dame made 10 of 13 shots, finding the offensive touch it had in its 108-64 win over Oklahoma last Monday.

"That show, 'Everybody loves Raymond?' It's now 'Everybody loves Raina.' It's going to be a series for a long time. Just unbelievable."

— NC State coach Wes Moore

Mabry and Westbeld hit 3-pointers on back-to-back trips down the floor for a 24-20 lead and Miles' 3-pointer capped a 7-0 run to open up a 36-26 lead with 3:02 left in the half. Miles got 15 points and three assists as the Fighting Irish finished the half with a 38-30 lead, holding NC State to 38.2 percent from the floor. Cunane (4-for-9, nine points) was the Wolfpack's top producer in the half.

The Wolfpack scored five points to start the fourth quarter and cut ND's lead to 53-51 on Kai Crutchfield's 3-point play, but Miles again came up with a big basket, a reverse layup to get momentum back on the Irish side.

Crutchfield scored 14 for NC State, Westbeld 13 for Notre Dame. NC State (32-3) is in the Elite Eight for the first time since 1998, after losing in the Sweet 16 three tournaments in a row. Notre Dame is 24-9.

"We didn't want to go home," Perez said. "We didn't want the same results as last year. So we stuck together and reminded each other, 'Hey, we've got to get this one.' Just reminded each other we didn't want to go home and we needed to win this game."

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NC STATE 66, NOTRE DAME 63

Notre Dame	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Miles	38	9-19	0-0	6	6	2	21
Westbeld	37	6-12	0-0	8	1	2	13
Mabrey	32	4-7	0-0	1	1	1	9
Citron	33	2-6	4-5	5	0	2	8
Dodson	24	3-5	0-0	4	0	4	6
Peoples	18	3-4	0-0	4	0	1	6
Brunelle	10	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Prohaska	8	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0
TOTALS	**—**	**27-53**	**4-5**	**31**	**9**	**14**	**63**

Three-point goals: 5-17, 29.4(Miles 3-10, Mabrey 1-3, Westbeld 1-4). **FG pct.:** 50.9. **FT pct.:** 80.0. **Team rebounds:** 2. **Turnovers:** 16(Westbeld 5, Miles 4, Mabrey 2, Citron 2, Brunelle, Prohaska, Team). **Blocks:** 6(Dodson 3, Peoples 2, Citron). **Steals:** 5(Westbeld 3, Mabrey, Dodson).

NC State	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Cunane	37	5-10	6-7	10	0	1	16
Crutchfield	40	5-10	2-3	2	1	1	14
Brown-Turner	34	4-11	1-2	4	1	1	9
Perez	27	2-9	2-2	1	2	1	7
Jones	24	3-6	0-0	8	1	1	7
Boyd	16	4-6	0-0	2	0	0	8
Johnson	19	2-9	0-0	2	4	0	5
Hobby	3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**—**	**25-62**	**11-14**	**32**	**9**	**5**	**66**

Three-point goals: 5-18, 27.8(Crutchfield 2-4, Jones 1-2, Perez 1-4, Johnson 1-5, Brown-Turner 0-3). **FG pct.:** 40.3. **FT pct.:** 78.6. **Team rebounds:** 3. **Turnovers:** 10(Jones 3, Crutchfield 2, Brown-Turner 2, Johnson 2, Cunane). **Blocks:** 1(Jones). **Steals:** 12(Crutchfield 4, Perez 4, Cunane, Brown-Turner, Jones, Johnson).

Notre Dame	**12**	**26**	**15**	**10**	**—**	**63**
NC State	**16**	**14**	**16**	**20**	**—**	**66**

Officials: Smith, Gulbeyan, Preato. **Site.:** Mortgage Arena, Bridgeport.

UConn

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UConn's Paige Bueckers shoots over Indiana's Nicole Cardano-Hillary, left, and Mackenzie Holmes on Saturday at Total Mortgage Arena in Bridgeport. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

UConn coach Geno Auriemma called Indiana "one of the toughest teams we've played all year long."

"Playing Indiana is probably as difficult an assignment as there is for your guards," he said. "Their guards put so much pressure on your guards. They're so aggressive with the ball. I thought we did an amazing job defensively."

To that end, Williams and Fudd helped hold Indiana's top scorer, Grace Berger, to two first-half points and 13 points total. Before Saturday, Berger was averaging 16.3 points. UConn, led by Nelson-Ododa (14 rebounds) and Aaliyah Edwards (10 rebounds), outrebounded Indiana, 39-27, and held the edge on the offensive glass, 15-2.

UConn's scoring was balanced. Bueckers and Williams had 15 points each and Fudd had 13, nine in the first half, while Nelson-Ododa had 10 for a double-double. Ali Patberg led Indiana (24-9) with 16 points.

"We knew we were going to have a tough assignment with [Berger]," Williams said. "She's a great guard. Her pull-ups are crazy and she's strong."

Indiana, who had never played UConn before, started off strong, taking it right to the Huskies. The Hoosiers led most of the the first quarter, until Williams hit a shot and drew a foul with less than a minute left. Her free throw gave the Huskies a 19-18 lead and then Nelson-Ododa put back her own shot to take a 21-18 lead into the next quarter.

But the Hoosiers stayed close, despite a number of turnovers and missed shots and only trailed by four, 37-33, after Gulbe hit her buzzer-beater.

Then UConn went on its 16-0 run to open the third quarter.

"I told them in the locker room that during that stretch there was a look about us that we felt exceptionally confident," Auriemma said. "We knew exactly where we were going, we knew where the ball was going, we knew where the shots were coming from. We could pick and choose what shots to take and we got more layups than we did the first and second quarters."

Bueckers was one of the exceptionally confident ones. She had seven points in the run.

"Today she took a more assertive role, which I like for her to do," Auriemma said. "You can tell she hasn't played in a long time, so she doesn't have the same stuff she used to have. But each day it gets more and more like it used to be."

Indiana was left reeling, trailing 53-35.

"It was really a bugaboo for us," Indiana coach Teri Moren said. "They made a 16-0 run and you can't allow that to happen against a team like UConn. It's very difficult to overcome a start like that."

Still, the Hoosiers did not go away. They fought back to cut the lead to 61-50 with 5:48 left in the game on a Mackenzie Holmes hook shot in the paint. That was the closest they could get as they were denied a second straight trip to the Elite Eight.

"One thing that stood out to me was the physicality," Moren said. "We are usually the team that everyone talks about our physicality. I thought they bottled Grace up.

"But where they really hurt us was on the glass. Their size, their ability to just get to the ball faster than we did, really, was what got us. We've faced some really good defensive teams, but they were awesome."

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UCONN 75, INDIANA 58

Indiana	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Patberg	36	7-9	0-0	2	1	3	16
Berger	36	4-11	5-7	5	0	1	13
Holmes	32	5-10	2-2	6	2	4	12
Cardano-Hillary	33	4-8	1-2	4	0	4	9
Gulbe	37	3-9	0-0	5	0	4	7
Peterson	1	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	1
Moore-McNeil	20	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0
Browne	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Waggoner	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Zaric	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Wisne	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**—**	**23-48**	**9-13**	**27**	**4**	**17**	**58**

Three-point goals: 3-9, 33.3(Patberg 2-3, Gulbe 1-4, Cardano-Hillary 0-1, Moore-McNeil 0-1). **FG pct.:** 47.9. **FT pct.:** 69.2. **Team rebounds:** 4. **Turnovers:** 15(Berger 4, Cardano-Hillary 4, Patberg 3, Gulbe 2, Holmes, Moore-McNeil). **Blocks:** 3 (Holmes 2, Cardano-Hillary). **Steals:** 4(Cardano-Hillary 3, Berger).

UConn	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Bueckers	33	7-17	0-0	1	2	4	15
Williams	32	7-11	1-2	6	3	1	15
Fudd	35	3-11	4-4	1	0	1	13
Nelson-Ododa	30	5-9	0-0	14	3	3	10
Edwards	30	4-8	1-4	10	0	3	9
Westbrook	18	2-4	2-2	2	2	2	6
Ducharme	8	2-3	0-0	1	2	0	4
Muhl	11	1-1	0-2	0	0	4	3
Juhasz	3	0-3	0-0	0	1	0	0
DeBerry	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**—**	**31-67**	**8-14**	**39**	**13**	**18**	**75**

Three-point goals: 5-20, 25.0(Fudd 3-10, Muhl 1-1, Bueckers 1-5, Westbrook 0-1, Williams 0-3). **FG pct.:** 46.3. **FT pct.:** 57.1. **Team rebounds:** 4. **Turnovers:** 9(Edwards 3, Bueckers 2, Fudd, Nelson-Ododa, Westbrook, Ducharme). **Blocks:** 4(Edwards 2, Williams, Nelson-Ododa). **Steals:** 7(Nelson-Ododa 2, Westbrook 2, Bueckers, Williams, Edwards).

Indiana	**18**	**15**	**13**	**12**	**—**	**58**
UConn	**21**	**16**	**22**	**16**	**—**	**75**

Officials: Smith, Grinter, Barlow. **Att.:** 8,502at Total Mortgage Arena, Bridgeport.

NCAA TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

Creighton vs. Goliath: Surprise Jays face No. 1 Gamecocks

Associated Press

Surprising Creighton is on the NCAA Tournament run of a lifetime. The only thing standing in the way of a first trip to the Final Four is No. 1 South Carolina and the nation's most dominant player in Aliyah Boston.

The 10th-seeded Bluejays (23-9) believe they're ready for that next, very huge step in the Greensboro, N.C., Regional Final.

"I think what we have done already proves that we can be here," Creighton senior Payton Brotzki said Saturday. "It's obviously, a tough task, but I think we can trust in our preparation, our coaching, and just the faith and confidence we have in each other."

So far, that's carried Creighton as far as any double-digit seed in NCAA history except No. 11 seed Gonzaga, which reached the regional finals in 2011 before falling to Stanford.

South Dakota, a 10th seed in the Wichita Region, plays No. 3 seed Michigan on Saturday night for a spot in the Elite Eight.

If Creighton pulls it off, the win would surely join the list of biggest college upsets ever like tiny Chaminade on the men's side defeating powerful top-ranked Virginia and star Ralph Sampson in 1982 or Appalachian State FCS football taking down fifth-ranked Michigan at the Big House in 2007.

Creighton coach Jim Flanery sees a chance, not unlike how 15th-seeded St. Peter's beat Kentucky and Purdue on the way to men's Elite Eight.

"I think we're unconventional enough offensively ," Flanery said, "to create some issues for them."

Good luck.

S outh Carolina, led by the 6-foot-5 Boston, has answered every challenge this season. The Gamecocks (32-2) have gone 12-0 against ranked opponents this year after defeating No. 17 North Carolina 69-61 here Friday night. That total includes wins over a pair of remaining No. 1 tournament seeds in North Carolina State and Stanford.

"I don't think we can get caught up in anything but what we have within our team," said Zia Cooke, South Carolina's third leading scorer at 11 points a game. "I know Creighton, they have great shooters. They're super aggressive. So we are preparing for that."

Creighton has already defeated No. 2 seed Iowa and No. 3 seed Iowa State, taking a 13-point lead in the fourth quarter on the Cyclones in a 76-68 Sweet 16 win Friday night.

The Bluejays use a motion attack that forces opponents to guard the perimeter or pay. They lead the country in assists at more than 20 a game and are second nationally with 10.3 3-pointers per contest.

It's an effective, and necessary, style given Creighton's lack of size. The Bluejays don't have a player than 6-1. South Carolina has seven at least that tall — on the bench.

"Clearly, we don't have that," Bluejays junior forward Carly Bachelor, all of six-feet, said.

"But I also think that's a strength of ours," Bachelor continued, "not having to rely on size and just everybody being able to shoot and cut and score."

Boston can shoot and cut and score, along with rebound. She went for 28 points and 22 rebounds in the North Carolina win, her 27th straight double-double. She also hit 12 of 13 foul shots and scored all 13 points for South Carolina in the fourth quarter to hold back the Tar Heels.

Orange land new coach: Syracuse has hired Felisha Legette-Jack as head coach of the women's basketball program, the university announced Saturday.

The 55-year-old Legette-Jack, a 1989 graduate of Syracuse and a two-time honorable mention All-American as a player, has been head coach at Buffalo for a decade. She will take over immediately at Syracuse from interim Vonn Read and will be formally introduced on Monday.

"I'm coming home! These words bring me great joy," Legette-Jack, a Syracuse native, said in a statement. "I thank Chancellor Syverud and Director of Athletics John Wildhack for this amazing opportunity. It is a privilege and an honor to accept this position as your next head women's basketball coach. The love that I have for our city, our university, and our athletics department cannot be measured."

SPORTS

WNBA

Leslie says she was told not to make 'big fuss' over Griner's arrest in Russia

By Muri Assunção
New York Daily News

Lisa Leslie was a three-time league MVP in the WNBA, with four Olympic gold medals. **FILE**

NEW YORK — Basketball superstar Lisa Leslie said she was told not to make a "big fuss" over the arrest of fellow WNBA great Britney Griner in Russia.

Speaking in a recent episode of the "I Am Athlete" podcast, Leslie opened up about the "heartbreaking" situation she's found herself in after she was asked not to bring too much attention to the case, to avoid Russia from capitalizing on the incident.

"What we were told, and again this is all sort of passed along through hearsay, but what we were told was to not make a big fuss about it so that they could not use her as a pawn, so to speak, in this situation in the war," Leslie said in a clip of the episode shared on YouTube Friday.

"So, to make it like it's not that important or don't make it where we're like, 'Free Brittney' and we start this campaign, and then it becomes something that they can use," she added.

Leslie, a three-time WNBA MVP and four-time Olympic gold medalist, played 11 seasons in the WNBA with the Los Angeles Sparks. She was inducted into both the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2015.

In the two-minute-long clip, Leslie didn't specify who might have directed her to maintain a low profile about the issue.

It's also unclear when the interview was recorded, but the full episode is set to premiere Monday.

Griner, a seven-time WNBA All-Star center for the Phoenix Mercury, was arrested by Russian authorities on Feb. 17.

Earlier this month, Russian officials announced they had detained the athlete, who's also a two-time Olympic gold medalist, after hashish oil was allegedly found in her luggage at an airport in Moscow.

She's been accused of smuggling large quantities of a narcotic substance, an offense that can carry a sentence of up to 10 years behind bars.

Her current situation is currently unclear, but the openly gay athlete will remain in Russia — a notoriously anti-LGBTQ country, where public discussions or positive messages about LGBTQ issues are illegal — until at least May 19.

"Do we know if that's the right thing to do or not?" Leslie asked, wondering if keeping quiet about the situation is indeed the best way to bring the incident to an end.

"It's heartbreaking for all of us ... You want to do more, and think, should we all use our social media platform and get behind it or not? Nobody really [knows]. This is the first time we're in this situation, and we don't know what to do.

"I talk with [WNBA all-star] Dawn Staley, and people that I'm close with. We talk about it daily. We're just like 'Dang what's she doing now? Do you think they cut off her hair? Does she have a bed long enough to fit in?' We've had full-on conversations about it, and I'm like, 'Her parents got to be sick,' " she added. "The question is, what's the right thing to do about it?"

KNICKS

Coach Thibodeau claps back at armchair critics

By Stefan Bondy
New York Daily News

Knicks head coach Tom Thibodeau gives instructions to guard Immanuel Quickley during a game against the Heat on Friday in Miami. **JIM RASSOL/AP**

MIAMI — It wasn't quite a Saint Peter's miracle, but the Knicks pulled off their own little upset in South Beach.

Trailing by as many as 17 in the fourth quarter, Tom Thibodeau rode his youngsters to a shocker over the Miami Heat, the No. 1 team in the East, 111-103.

Immanuel Quickley was the hero of the night, scoring 16 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter while carving up the Heat's vaunted defense. Much of the comeback occurred with RJ Barrett on the bench, and with a lineup featuring three rookies — Jericho Sims, Quentin Grimes and Miles McBride — who combined with Quickley and sage veteran Taj Gibson to outduel Jimmy Butler and Kyle Lowry.

Julius Randle watched in street clothes, missing his third straight games with a quad contusion. But afterwards, Tom Thibodeau issued a strong warning about uninformed media and/or fans trying to divide the team, or trying to define performances and trends based on small data.

Thibodeau wasn't specific, but a constant narrative around this roster has been pitting teammates against one another — whether there are calls for RJ Barrett to get the ball over Julius Randle; or for the young players to play over the veterans.

The latter sentiment is picking up steam after consecutive victories on the backs of youngsters.

"Everyone has all the answers right after a game and often times, they haven't studied. So, how do you really know?" Thibodeau said. "And I don't want anything to divide our team. I want our team together. That's how you win. You win as a team. You lose as a team. So, when I see stuff being written or people talking about this, that. You hear it all the time, and then when you actually do study it and you watch the game again and maybe you watch it a third time, you actually know what transpired."

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— Knicks' coach Tom Thibodeau

McBride, who spent much of this season out of the rotation, upped his stock Friday by outplaying Lowry in the fourth quarter.

Thibodeau, when asked about the young players' leading the fourth quarter, tried to cut off the debate before it started.

"You guys are trying to nitpick this, nitpick that," Thibodeau said. "You need everyone across the course of a season. We love our young guys. They bring it every day. They're supposed to bring energy. You need RJ, you need Julius, you need Mitch (Robinson), you need Evan (Fournier),you need Alec (Burks), you need everyone.

"It's a team, not an individual thing. Can't pick up a box score after and after say things. How many people are watching to the end of the game to really know exactly what happened in the game? I see a lot of opinions but I don't see guys doing the work to actually study it."

In the playoff picture, Friday's win doesn't mean much for the Knicks (31-42). The Hawks beat the Warriors on Friday and remained five games ahead of New York for the final play-in spot.

But it was an encouraging performance from the young core, following their strong performance two nights earlier in a win over the Hornets. It was also the first time Thibodeau beat the Heat in six tries as Knicks head coach.

But he also seemed to be fighting a different battle post game — against the narrative dividing his team.

"I don't like anything that eats away at the fabric of the team," Thibodeau said. "And so, people wanna take one game, whether it's a win or a loss and they went, 'Well, this, this and this.' No. And often times, they things that they're saying, a guy might make one good play in the game and he has nine bad plays or conversely, he makes nine good plays and he has one bad play."

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	46	27	.630	—
Boston	46	28	.622	½
Toronto	41	32	.562	5
Brooklyn	38	35	.521	8
New York	32	42	.432	14 ½
SOUTHEAST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
y-Miami	47	27	.635	—
Charlotte	38	36	.514	9
Atlanta	37	37	.500	10
Washington	31	42	.425	15 ½
Orlando	20	55	.267	27 ½
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
Milwaukee	46	27	.630	—
Chicago	42	31	.575	4
Cleveland	41	32	.562	5
Indiana	25	49	.338	21 ½
Detroit	20	54	.270	26 ½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Memphis	51	23	.689	—
Dallas	45	29	.608	6
New Orleans	31	43	.419	20
San Antonio	30	44	.405	21
Houston	19	55	.257	32
NORTHWEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
Utah	45	29	.608	—
Denver	43	31	.581	2
Minnesota	43	32	.573	2 ½
Portland	27	46	.370	17 ½
Oklahoma City	21	52	.288	23 ½
PACIFIC	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
z-Phoenix	60	14	.811	—
Golden State	48	26	.649	12
L.A. Clippers	36	39	.480	24 ½
L.A. Lakers	31	42	.425	28 ½
Sacramento	27	48	.360	33 ½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
San Antonio 107, New Orleans 103
Sacramento 114, Orlando 110(OT)
Indiana at Toronto, late
Brooklyn at Miami, late
Chicago at Cleveland, late
Milwaukee at Memphis, late
Oklahoma City at Denver, late
Houston at Portland, late
SUNDAY'S GAMES
New York at Detroit, 3:30p.m.
Golden State at Washington, 6p.m.
Minnesota at Boston, 6p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 6p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 7p.m.
Charlotte at Brooklyn, 7:30p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 7:30p.m.
MONDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Indiana, 7p.m.
Denver at Charlotte, 7p.m.
Orlando at Cleveland, 7p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7:30p.m.
Chicago at New York, 7:30p.m.
Sacramento at Miami, 7:30p.m.
Golden State at Memphis, 8p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 8p.m.
Oklahoma City at Portland, 10p.m.
TUESDAY'S GAMES
Chicago at Washington, 7p.m.
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Detroit at Brooklyn, 7:30p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 7:30p.m.
Utah at L.A. Clippers, 10p.m.
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Charlotte 107, Utah 101
Washington 100, Detroit 97
Atlanta 121, Golden State 110
Minnesota 116, Dallas 95
New York 111, Miami 103
Houston 125, Portland 106
Philadelphia 122, L.A. Clippers 97

NBA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Through Friday

SCORING	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
James, LAL	54	613	241	1618	30.0
Embiid, PHI	60	564	579	1787	29.8
GAnttnmpo, MIL	60	609	498	1783	29.7
Young, ATL	68	634	439	1913	28.1
Doncic, DAL	57	552	303	1579	27.7
DeRozan, CHI	68	690	456	1880	27.6
Morant, MEM	56	573	311	1543	27.6
Tatum, BOS	70	652	371	1889	27.0
Booker, PHO	63	602	288	1659	26.3
Jokic, DEN	67	664	331	1754	26.2

REBOUNDS	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Gobert, UTA	59	214	645	859	14.56
Jokic, DEN	67	185	720	905	13.51
Capela, ATL	66	246	531	777	11.77
Valanciunas, NO	67	207	572	779	11.63
GAnttknmpo, MIL	60	117	579	696	11.6
Vucevic, CHI	65	128	607	735	11.31
Embiid, PHI	60	125	553	678	11.3
Nurkic, POR	56	167	452	619	11.05
Allen, CLE	56	192	410	602	10.75
Carter, ORL	61	138	498	636	10.43

TENNIS

MIAMI OPEN

At Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Gardens, Fla.; hardcourt-outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64
#1Daniil Medvedev d.
Andy Murray, 6-4, 6-2.
#3Stefanos Tsitsipas d.
J.J. Wolf, 6-4, 6-7(5), 6-1.
Miomir Kecmanovic d.
#7Felix Auger-Aliassime, 6-4, 6-2.
#8Hubert Hurkacz d.
Arthur Rinderknech, 7-6(5), 6-2.
#11Taylor Fritz d.
Mikhail Kukushkin, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.
Lloyd Harris d.
#12Denis Shapovalov, 6-3, 6-4.
#15Roberto Bautista Agut d.
Kamil Majchrzak, 6-3, 6-3.
Jenson Brooksby d.
#18Nikoloz Basilashvili, 6-3, 6-1.
#21Marin Cilc d.
Alexei Popyrin, 6-0, 6-3.
Tommy Paul, d.
#23Karen Khachanov, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6(3).
Yoshihito Nishioka d.
#24Daniel Evans, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.
#25Alex de Minaur d.
Jordan Thompson, 6-2, 6-3.
Pedro Martinez d.
#27Cristian Garin, 7-6(2), 6-2.
#29Aslan Karatsev d.
Ugo Humbert, 7-5, 6-2.
Sebastian Korda d.
#32A. Ramos-Vinolas, 4-6, 7-6(6), 6-3.
#14Carlos Alcaraz Garfia vs.
Marton Fucsovics, late

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#9Danielle Collins d.
Vera Zvonareva, 6-1, 6-4.
#22Belinda Bencic d.
Heather Watson, 6-4, 6-1.
Daria Saville d.
Katerina Siniakova, 6-0, 1-0, ret.
Lucia Bronzetti d.
Anna Kalinskaya, walkover.
Naomi Osaka d.
Karolina Muchova, walkover.
Aliaksandra Sasnovich d.
Irina-Camelia Begu, 7-5, 6-7(4), 6-4
Alison Riske d.
Ann Li, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.
#8Ons Jabeur vs.
Kaia Kanepi, late

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL		SUNDAY
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
at Kansas	6	Miami
at North Carolina	8½	Saint Peter's

NBA			SUNDAY
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
New York	4	(220½)	at Detroit
Golden State	6	(222)	at Washington
at Boston	6½	(227)	Minnesota
at Phoenix	5	(229)	Philadelphia
at New Orleans	4	(228)	LA Lakers
at Brooklyn	7	(236½)	Charlotte
at Dallas	2½	(223½)	Utah

NHL			SUNDAY
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
at NY Islanders	Off	Tampa Bay	Off
at NY Rangers	Off	Buffalo	Off
at Pittsburgh	-301	Detroit	+241
Colorado	-130	at Minnesota	+108
at Nashville	-262	Philadelphia	+214
at Toronto	-115	Florida	-105
at New Jersey	-159	Montreal	+136
at Winnipeg	-300	Arizona	+240

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Florida	63	43	14	6	92	258	183
Boston	65	41	19	5	87	200	174
Tampa Bay	64	40	18	6	86	211	181
Toronto	63	40	18	5	85	232	191
Detroit	65	26	31	8	60	187	242
Buffalo	65	23	33	9	55	174	227
Ottawa	64	23	36	5	51	167	209
Montreal	64	17	37	10	44	163	242
METRO	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Carolina	64	42	15	7	91	209	154
Pittsburgh	66	39	17	10	88	214	177
N.Y. Rangers	65	41	19	5	87	198	168
Washington	66	36	20	10	82	220	188
Columbus	65	32	29	4	68	214	243
N.Y. Islanders	63	28	26	9	65	173	174
Philadelphia	65	21	33	11	53	167	228
New Jersey	64	23	36	5	51	197	233

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Colorado	65	46	14	5	97	251	181
Minnesota	62	38	20	4	80	231	198
St. Louis	63	35	19	9	79	224	180
Nashville	65	37	24	4	78	212	190
Dallas	63	36	24	3	75	188	188
Winnipeg	66	31	25	10	72	207	206
Chicago	66	24	32	10	58	179	229
Arizona	64	20	40	4	44	166	232
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Calgary	64	39	17	8	86	222	155
Los Angeles	66	35	22	9	79	191	186
Edmonton	65	36	24	5	77	222	206
Vegas	68	36	28	4	76	216	206
Vancouver	66	31	26	9	71	188	190
Anaheim	66	27	28	11	65	188	214
San Jose	64	28	28	8	64	169	203
Seattle	64	20	38	6	46	168	228

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Boston 6, N.Y. Islanders 3
Tampa Bay 2, Detroit 1(OT)
Vegas 5, Chicago 4(OT)
Florida at Ottawa, late
New Jersey at Washington, late
Toronto at Montreal, late
Vancouver at Dallas, late
Carolina at St. Louis, late
Columbus at Minnesota, late
Edmonton at Calgary, late
Anaheim at San Jose, late
Seattle at Los Angeles, late
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders, 2p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers, 5p.m.
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 5p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 6p.m.
Philadelphia at Nashville, 6p.m.
Arizona at Winnipeg, 7p.m.
Florida at Toronto, 7p.m.
Montreal at New Jersey, 7p.m.
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Rangers 5, Pittsburgh 1
Washington 4, Buffalo 3(SO)
Winnipeg 4, Columbus 3(OT)
Calgary 4, Arizona 2
Colorado 6, Philadelphia 3

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S NIT

TUESDAY'S SEMIFINALS
at Madison Square Garden, New York
Xavier vs. Saint Bonaventure, 7p.m.
Washington St. vs. Texas A&M, 9:30p.m.

THE BASKETBALL CLASSIC

SATURDAY'S QUARTERFINAL
Portland vs. Southern Utah, late
MONDAY'S SEMIFINAL
Coastal Carolina at S. Alabama, 8p.m.

MEN'S NCAA D2 TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP
At Evansville, Ind.
Northwest Missouri St. 67, Augusta 58

WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

GREENSBORO REGIONAL
Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, N.C.
Sunday, Regional Championship
South Carolina vs. Creighton, 7p.m.
Friday's Regional Semifinals
South Carolina 69, North Carolina 61
Creighton 76, Iowa State 68
WICHITA REGIONAL
At Intrust Bank Arena, Wichita, Kan.
Saturday's Regional Semifinals
Louisville 76, Tennessee 64
South Dakota vs. Michigan, late
Monday, Regional Championship
Louisville vs. S. Dakota/Michigan, 9p.m.
SPOKANE REGIONAL
At Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena
Sunday, Regional Championship
Texas vs. Stanford, 9 p.m.
Friday's Regional Semifinals
Texas 66, Ohio State 63
Stanford 72, Maryland 66
BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL
Total Mortgage, Bridgeport, Conn.
Saturday's Regional Semifinals
NC State 66, Notre Dame 63
UConn 75, Indiana 58
Monday, Regional Championship
NC State vs. UConn, 7p.m.

WOMEN'S NIT

Francis S. Levien Gymnasium, New York
SUNDAY'S QUARTERFINALS
Oregon St. vs. UCLA, 3p.m.
S. Dakota St. vs. Alabama, 6p.m.
MONDAY'S QUARTERFINALS
Columbia vs. Seton Hall, 8p.m.
Toledo vs. Middle Tennessee, 7p.m.

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	3	0	1	10	7	2
Columbus	2	0	2	8	10	5
Chicago	2	0	2	8	5	1
N.Y. Red Bulls	2	1	1	7	8	4
Orlando City	2	1	1	7	4	2
Atlanta	2	1	1	7	8	8
D.C. United	2	2	0	6	5	4
Cincinnati	2	2	0	6	5	8
New York City FC	1	2	1	4	4	4
New England	1	2	1	4	6	8
Toronto FC	1	2	1	4	5	8
Charlotte FC	1	3	0	3	4	7
CF Montréal	0	3	1	1	5	11
Inter Miami CF	0	3	1	1	2	10
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Los Angeles FC	3	0	1	10	9	2
Real Salt Lake	3	0	1	10	6	3
Minnesota United	2	0	2	8	4	2
Austin FC	2	1	1	7	11	3
FC Dallas	2	1	1	7	7	3
Colorado	2	1	1	7	6	4
LA Galaxy	2	2	0	6	4	4
Houston	1	1	2	5	3	3
Portland	1	1	2	5	5	7
Seattle	1	2	1	4	4	5
Nashville	1	2	1	4	3	5
Kansas City	1	3	0	3	3	8
San Jose	0	3	1	1	4	9
Vancouver	0	3	1	1	2	9

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Cincinnati at Charlotte FC, 5 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Sporting KC, 7 p.m.
SUNDAY'S MATCH
Orlando City at Portland, 4 p.m.

NWSL CHALLENGE CUP

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
OL Reign 3, Angel City FC 1
Orlando at North Carolina, late
Portland at San Diego, late
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Houston 3, Racing Louisville 2
Gotham FC 1, Washington 1
Kansas City 2, Chicago 1

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
Liverpool vs. Watford, 7:30a.m.
Brighton vs. Norwich, 10a.m.
Burnley vs. Man City, 10a.m.
Chelsea vs. Brentford, 10a.m.
Leeds vs. Southampton, 10a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Aston Villa, 10a.m.
Man United vs. Leicester, 12:30p.m.

U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE

q-Sunday: vs. Panama, at Exploria Stadium, Orlando, Fla., 7 p.m.
q-World Cup qualifying

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE

April 9: vs. Uzbekistan, at Lower.com Field, Columbus, Ohio, 5:30 p.m.
April 12: vs. Uzbekistan, at Subaru Park, Chester, Pa., 6 p.m.

GOLF

WGC DELL TECHNOLOGIES MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

at Austin (Texas) Country Club, 7108 yards, Par 71
SATURDAY'S FOURTH ROUND
#5Scottie Scheffler d.
#12Billy Horschel, 1up.
#42Seamus Power d.
#13Tyrrell Hatton, 4&3.
#8Dustin Johnson d.
#54Richard Bland, 3&2.
#16Brooks Koepka d.
#1Jon Rahm, 19holes.
#29Kevin Kisner d.
#32Adam Scott, 1up.
#24Will Zalatoris d.
#25Kevin Na, 22holes.
#36Corey Conners d.
#56Takumi Kanaya, 5&3.
#15Abraham Ancer d.
#2Collin Morikawa, 7&6.

SATURDAY'S QUARTERFINALS
#5Scottie Scheffler d.
#42Seamus Power, 3&2.
#8Dustin Johnson d.
#16Brooks Koepka, 2up.
#29Kevin Kisner d.
#24Will Zalatoris, 4&3.
#36Corey Conners d.
#15Abraham Ancer, 2up.

SUNDAY'S SEMIFINALS
#5 Scottie Scheffler vs.
#8Dustin Johnson, 10:05a.m.
#29Kevin Kisner vs.
#36Corey Connors, 10:20a.m.

BASEBALL

SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.
Kansas City	5	1	.833
Texas	5	2	.714
Boston	7	3	.700
Cleveland	5	3	.625
Los Angeles	5	3	.625
Toronto	5	3	.625
Detroit	4	3	.571
Chicago	5	5	.500
Seattle	3	3	.500
Baltimore	4	4	.500
Houston	3	4	.429
Minnesota	3	7	.300
Oakland	2	5	.286
New York	2	6	.250
Tampa Bay	1	6	.143
NATIONAL LEAGUE	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**
Atlanta	5	1	.833
Miami	5	2	.714
St. Louis	5	2	.714
Cincinnati	5	3	.625
New York	4	3	.571
Philadelphia	4	3	.571
Pittsburgh	4	3	.571
Colorado	5	4	.556
Chicago	4	4	.500
Milwaukee	3	4	.429
Arizona	3	5	.375
San Diego	2	4	.333
San Francisco	2	6	.250
Los Angeles	1	3	.250
Washington	1	7	.125

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Atlanta 8, Minnesota 6
Boston 5, Tampa Bay 3
Detroit 14, Philadelphia 8
Toronto 10, N.Y. Yankees 9
Miami 9, St. Louis 2
N.Y. Mets 4, Washington 2
L.A. Angels 12, Chicago White Sox 3
Chicago Cubs 2, San Diego 2
Cleveland 9, Oakland 2
Cincinnati 2, San Francisco 1
Colorado 8, Texas 7
Seattle 7, Milwaukee 7
Baltimore 14, Pittsburgh 5
L.A. Dodgers vs. Kansas City, late
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Detroit vs. Baltimore, 1:05p.m.
Houston vs. Miami, 1:05p.m.
Boston vs. Minnesota, 1:05p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. N.Y. Yankees, 1:05p.m.
Atlanta vs. Tampa Bay, 1:05p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Toronto, 1:07p.m.
St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets, 1:10p.m.
Kansas City vs. Chicago Cubs, 4:05p.m.
Colorado vs. Cincinnati, 4:05p.m.
Chi. White Sox vs. L.A. Dodgers, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Oakland, 4:05p.m.
Arizona vs. Texas, 4:05p.m.
Cleveland vs. San Diego, 4:10p.m.
San Francisco vs. L.A. Angels, 4:10p.m.
Colorado vs. Arizona, 4:10p.m.
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Atlanta 6, Boston 3
Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Yankees 5
Pittsburgh 2, Minnesota 1
St. Louis 5, Washington 4
Tampa Bay 9, Baltimore 4
Detroit 8, Toronto 4
Colorado 17, Chicago Cubs 1
Oakland 6, Milwaukee 3
Cleveland 10, San Francisco 2
Texas 8, Kansas City 4
L.A. Angels 5, Arizona 5
Houston 2, N.Y. Mets 1
San Diego 5, L.A. Dodgers 5
Seattle 3, Chicago White Sox 0

AUTO RACING

NASCAR MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS

RK	MAKE	PTS	PB	W
1	Ford	182	—	3
2	Chevrolet	173	-9	2
3	Toyota	163	-19	0

DRIVER POINT STANDINGS

DRIVER	W	T5	T10	PTS
Chase Elliott	0	0	3	171
Joey Logano	0	1	3	164
Chase Briscoe	1	2	2	156
William Byron	1	2	2	150
Kurt Busch	0	2	3	148
Ryan Blaney	0	2	2	148
Aric Almirola	0	1	3	144
Martin Truex, Jr.	0	0	2	142
Alex Bowman	1	1	2	140
Ross Chastain	0	3	3	137
Kyle Busch	0	1	3	136
Kyle Larson	1	2	2	135
Daniel Suarez	0	2	3	127
Kevin Harvick	0	0	2	127
Tyler Reddick	0	1	2	126
Brad Keselowski	0	0	1	122
Austin Cindric	1	1	1	121
Bubba Wallace	0	1	1	120
Erik Jones	0	1	1	115
Chris Buescher	0	0	2	113
Austin Dillon	0	1	1	99
Justin Haley	0	0	0	94
Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.	0	0	1	91
Corey LaJoie	0	1	1	87
Ty Dillon	0	0	0	86
Denny Hamlin	0	0	0	79
Michael McDowell	0	0	1	78
Cole Custer	0	0	0	76
Todd Gilliland	0	0	0	72
Christopher Bell	0	0	1	69
B.J. McLeod	0	0	0	56
Harrison Burton	0	0	0	54
Cody Ware	0	0	0	53
David Ragan	0	0	1	48
Garrett Smithley	0	0	0	28
Greg Biffle	0	0	0	21
Jacques Villeneuve	0	0	0	15

CUP UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Sunday: Echopark Texas Grand Prix, Austin, Texas
April 3: Toyota Owners 400, Richmond, Va.
April 9: Blue-Emu Maximum Pain Relief 400, Ridgeway, Va.
April 17: Food City Dirt Race, Bristol, Tenn.
April 24: GEICO 500, Talladega, Ala.
May 1: DuraMAX Drydene 400 presented by RelaDyne, Dover, Del.
May 8: Goodyear 400, Darlington, S.C.
May 15: NASCAR Cup Series at Kansas, Kansas City, Kan.
May 22: x-NASCAR All-Star Open, Fort Worth, Texas
May 22: NASCAR All-Star Race, Fort Worth, Texas
May 29: Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
June 5: NASCAR Cup Series Race at Gateway, Madison, Ill.
June 12: Toyota / Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
June 26 : Ally 400, Lebanon, Tenn.
July 3: Kwik Trip 250 presented by JOCKEY Made in America, Elkhart Lake, Wis.
July 10: Quaker State 400 Presented by Walmart, Hampton, Ga..
x-non-points race

WEEKEND WINNERS

Xfinity: AJ Allmendinger
Trucks: Zane Smith

PGA CORALES PUNTACANA CHAMPIONSHIP

3rd of 4 rounds, Corales GC, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, 7,670 yards, Par 72

Ben Martin	66-66-70—202	-14
Chad Ramey	70-65-69—204	-12
Jhonattan Vegas	70-70-65—205	-11
Thomas Detry	69-69-68—206	-10
Nate Lashley	69-68-69—206	-10
David Lipsky	73-65-68—206	-10
Cameron Percy	71-68-67—206	-10
Martin Trainer	69-70-67—206	-10
Rasmus Hojgaard	73-67-67—207	-9
Justin Lower	74-65-68—207	-9
Alex Smalley	69-65-73—207	-9
Brian Stuard	70-68-69—207	-9
Wyndham Clark	70-68-70—208	-8
Ben Kohles	72-67-69—208	-8
Andrew Novak	70-69-69—208	-8
Vaughn Taylor	68-71-69—208	-8
Vince Whaley	70-68-70—208	-8
Ryan Armour	69-71-69—209	-7
Scott Brown	71-71-67—209	-7
Wesley Bryan	70-72-67—209	-7
Rafael Campos	72-68-69—209	-7
Graeme McDowell	68-68-73—209	-7
Adam Schenk	67-68-74—209	-7
Nick Taylor	72-68-69—209	-7
Hayden Buckley	68-74-68—210	-6
Jonathan Byrd	70-72-68—210	-6
Jason Dufner	70-73-67—210	-6
Rick Lamb	72-70-68—210	-6
Sahith Theegala	71-68-71—210	-6
Greg Chalmers	73-69-69—211	-5
Tyler Duncan	71-71-69—211	-5
Brandon Hagy	70-70-71—211	-5
Kramer Hickok	73-68-70—211	-5
Bo Hoag	74-69-68—211	-5
David Lingmerth	69-70-72—211	-5
Bryson Nimmer	70-72-69—211	-5
Matthias Schwab	73-69-69—211	-5
Greyson Sigg	69-69-73—211	-5
Kevin Chappell	73-67-72—212	-4
Michael Gligic	72-70-70—212	-4
Bill Haas	72-67-73—212	-4
Hank Lebioda	71-71-70—212	-4
Sean O'Hair	71-71-70—212	-4
Robert Garrigus	70-72-71—213	-3
Trey Mullinax	73-70-70—213	-3
Seung-Yul Noh	71-71-71—213	-3
Hudson Swafford	74-67-72—213	-3
Curtis Thompson	72-69-72—213	-3
Brandon Wu	69-72-72—213	-3
Dylan Wu	73-69-71—213	-3
K. Aphibarnrat	68-73-73—214	-2
Patrick Flavin	72-71-71—214	-2
D.J. Trahan	70-73-71—214	-2
Camilo Villegas	74-69-71—214	-2
Chase Seiffert	70-70-75—215	-1
Peter Uihlein	75-68-72—215	-1
Danny Willett	71-69-75—215	-1
Austin Cook	73-70-74—217	+1
Brice Garnett	74-67-76—217	+1
Seth Reeves	70-70-77—217	+1
John Huh	73-70-75—218	+2
Jim Knous	73-70-75—218	+2
D.A. Points	72-71-75—218	+2
Scott Gutschewski	73-70-76—219	+3
Kevin Stadler	72-70-77—219	+3

LATE FRIDAY: LPGA JTBC CLASSIC

2nd of 4 rounds; Aviara Golf Club, Carlsbad, Calif; 6609 yards, par 72

Nanna Koerstz Madsen	66-67—133	-11
Hye Jin Choi	67-68—135	-9
Lydia Ko	68-67—135	-9
Na Rin An	69-67—136	-8
Jin Young Ko	65-71—136	-8
Maude-Aimee Leblanc	68-68—136	-8
Pajaree Anannarukarn	68-69—137	-7
Janie Jackson	70-68—138	-6
Brittany Altomare	71-68—139	-5
Nasa Hataoka	70-69—139	-5
Charley Hull	69-70—139	-5
Jessica Korda	69-70—139	-5
Leona Maguire	69-70—139	-5
Inbee Park	71-68—139	-5
Atthaya Thitikul	69-70—139	-5
Hyo Joo Kim	73-67—140	-4
Cheyenne Knight	67-73—140	-4
Minjee Lee	69-71—140	-4
Yealimi Noh	71-69—140	-4
In Gee Chun	69-72—141	-3
Lauren Coughlin	71-70—141	-3
Haylee Harford	71-70—141	-3
Muni He	70-71—141	-3
Moriya Jutanugarn	69-72—141	-3
Alison Lee	69-72—141	-3
Xiyu Lin	70-71—141	-3
Pernilla Lindberg	73-68—141	-3
Stephanie Meadow	69-72—141	-3
Emily Pedersen	71-70—141	-3
Madelene Sagstrom	71-70—141	-3
Jasmine Suwannapura	71-70—141	-3
Amy Yang	72-69—141	-3
Chella Choi	72-70—142	-2
Jenny Coleman	72-70—142	-2
Hannah Green	73-69—142	-2
In-Kyung Kim	69-73—142	-2
Stephanie Kyriacou	73-69—142	-2
Mo Martin	68-74—142	-2
Gerina Mendoza-Piller	70-72—142	-2
Anna Nordqvist	71-71—142	-2
Annie Park	72-70—142	-2
Sarah Schmelzel	70-72—142	-2
Kelly Tan	72-70—142	-2
Alana Uriell	69-73—142	-2
Lilia Vu	71-71—142	-2
Gemma Dryburgh	67-76—143	-1
Allison Emrey	72-71—143	-1
Austin Ernst	72-71—143	-1
Ayaka Furue	72-71—143	-1
Jaye Marie Green	71-72—143	-1
Mina Harigae	73-70—143	-1
Eun-Hee Ji	70-73—143	-1
Danielle Kang	69-74—143	-1
Jeong Eun Lee	71-72—143	-1
Stacy Lewis	70-73—143	-1
Hee Jeong Lim	73-70—143	-1
Morgane Metraux	71-72—143	-1
Sanna Nuutinen	73-70—143	-1
Ryann O'Toole	68-75—143	-1
Sophia Popov	73-70—143	-1
Paula Reto	72-71—143	-1
Hinako Shibuno	71-72—143	-1
Emma Talley	69-74—143	-1
Lexi Thompson	73-70—143	-1
Marina Alex	73-71—144	E
Isi Gabsa	72-72—144	E
Yaeeun Hong	71-73—144	E
Jiwon Jeon	76-68—144	E
Ariya Jutanugarn	69-75—144	E
Cristie Kerr	72-72—144	E
A Lim Kim	75-69—144	E
Frida Kinhult	71-73—144	E
Katherine Kirk	71-73—144	E
Jeongeun Lee	70-74—144	E
Kaitlyn Papp	77-67—144	E
Katherine Perry-Hamski	71-73—144	E
Pornanong Phatlum	72-72—144	E
Lizette Salas	72-72—144	E
Jenny Shin	76-68—144	E
Jennifer Song	72-72—144	E
Dewi Weber	71-73—144	E

QATAR MASTERS

3rd of 4rounds, Doha GC,Doha, Qatar, 7,466yards; Par 72

Matthew Jordan	69-69-70—208	-8
Adrian Meronk	66-70-72—208	-8
Kalle Samooja	74-69-66—209	-7
Pablo Larrazabal

WEATHER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Thickening afternoon cloudiness, breezy. Northwest wind at 10 to 15 mph. Chance for a flurry at night.	Mixed clouds and sunshine, windy and unseasonably chilly.	Mostly sunny, breezy and cool.	Thickening afternoon cloudiness. Showers are possible at night.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers or periods of light rain.
HIGH 47° LOW 22°	HIGH 33° LOW 17°	HIGH 41° LOW 23°	HIGH 48° LOW 34°	HIGH 56° LOW 49°

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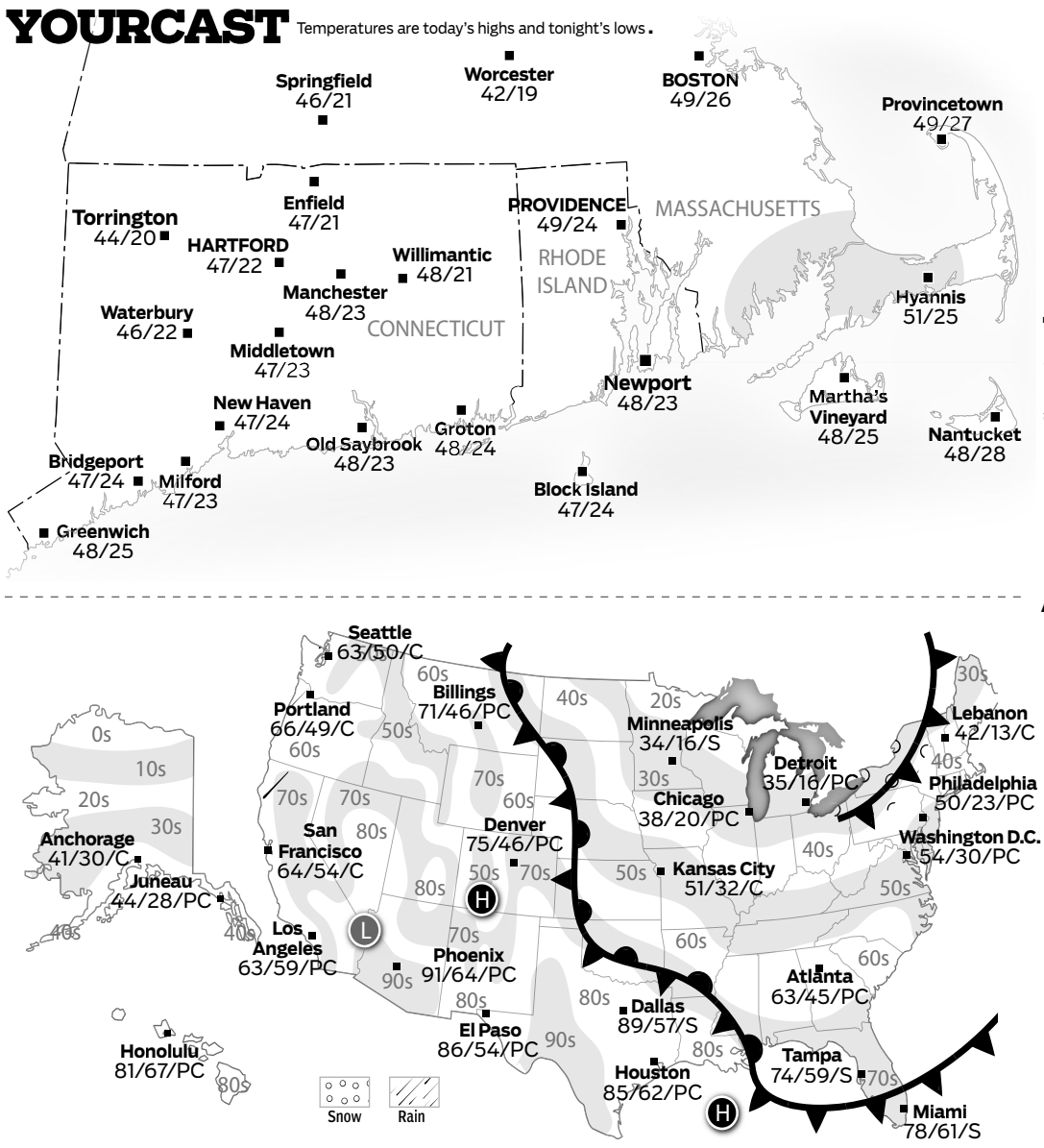
YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

High pressure will bring partly sunny skies and cooler temperatures on Sunday with highs in the 40s. It will be on the breezy side with west winds at 10 to 15 mph and peak gusts near 25 mph. A trough of low pressure will pass through the area Sunday night with mostly cloudy skies, a stray snow shower or flurry is possible, but the main effect will be to usher in cold Canadian air. The low temperature records are safe, but it is quite possible that a record low high temperature will be set Monday afternoon in the Greater Hartford area. The existing record is 34 degrees set in 1966.

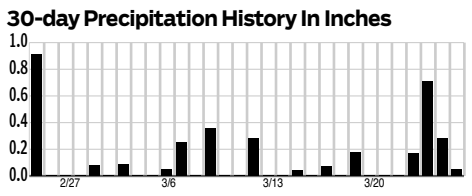
-Gary Lessor

ALMANAC

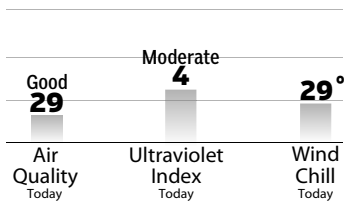
Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.05	0.12
Month to date	2.61	3.23
Total this year	8.92	9.64
Snowfall In Inches		
Yesterday (by 4 p.m.)	0.0	0.2
Total this year	31.5	49.9

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:43 a.m.	6:41 a.m.
Sunset	7:10 p.m.	7:11 p.m.
Moonrise	4:38 a.m.	5:16 a.m.
Moonset	1:58 p.m.	3:12 p.m.

Moon Phase

New	First	Full	Last
Apr 1	Apr 9	Apr 16	Apr 23

Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	6:04 a.m. 6:38 p.m.	a.m. 12:44 p.m.	48°
Saybrook Jetty	7:20 a.m. 7:49 p.m.	12:51 a.m. 1:37 p.m.	46°
Connecticut River at Portland	10:03 a.m. 10:32 p.m.	4:37 a.m. 5:23 p.m.	
Madison	7:30 a.m. 8:07 p.m.	1:09 a.m. 1:52 p.m.	45°
New Haven	7:50 a.m. 8:27 p.m.	1:33 a.m. 2:16 p.m.	46°
Stamford	7:54 a.m. 8:31 p.m.	1:47 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	44°

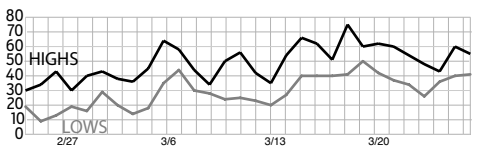
River Stage at Hartford: 11.39 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
	VCloudy	VCloudy	VCloudy
Wind	W, 15-20	W, 15-20	W, 15-20
Seas	2-3 ft.	2-3 ft.	3-5 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Saturday	55 at 11:19 p.m	41 at 6:08 a.m
Normal for date	51	31
Record for date	77 in 2021	6 in 1960
A year ago	77	52
Range this year	76	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - March 26	4591	5067	4740

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	29.52 at 12 a.m.	29.38 at 3 p.m.
Dew point	38° at 3 p.m.	32° at 12 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND											
Bangor	51	26	C	Baltimore	50	23	PC	Nashville	53	30	PC
Burlington	34	13	SF	Bismarck	46	22	PC	New Orleans	80	61	PC
Caribou	44	20	C	Boise	68	45	PC	New York	45	22	PC
Concord	50	24	PC	Buffalo	30	13	C	Okla. City	78	53	PC
Montpelier	37	5	SF	Charleston	71	47	S	Omaha	46	29	PC
Mt. Wash.	19	-8	C	Cincinnati	44	21	PC	Orlando	77	56	S
Portland	49	22	PC	Cleveland	38	21	C	Pittsburgh	36	18	C
Woods Hole	49	20	PC	Indianapolis	42	22	PC	Raleigh	58	32	PC
NATION				Jacksonville	74	49	S	St. Louis	52	29	PC
Albany	42	12	C	Las Vegas	87	61	PC	Salt Lake City	82	58	PC
Albuquerque	80	49	PC	Miami Beach	77	60	S	San Antonio	88	59	S
Atlantic City	51	19	C	Milwaukee	32	16	PC	San Diego	66	63	C
								San Juan	85	73	PC
								Tucson	90	60	S
								WORLD			
								Amsterdam	59	41	S
								Athens	66	50	C
								Bangkok	97	82	T
								Barbados	84	76	PC
								Beijing	59	43	S
								Beirut	63	52	S
								Berlin	61	39	PC
								Bermuda	70	62	SH
								Budapest	66	32	PC
								Buenos Aires	79	61	PC
								Cairo	77	51	PC
								Cancun	81	72	PC
								Dubai	84	72	PC
								Dublin	57	43	S
								Edinburgh	61	41	PC
								Helsinki	41	19	S
								Hong Kong	77	63	C
								Istanbul	55	45	PC
								Jerusalem	55	41	PC
								Johannesburg	75	57	PC
								Kingston	86	74	SH
								Lisbon	70	57	C
								London	54	43	C
								Madrid	61	43	C
								Mexico City	80	51	PC
								Milan	70	43	S
								Montreal	30	10	SF
								Moscow	30	21	SN
								Nassau	79	66	PC
								New Delhi	97	72	PC
								Paris	68	45	S
								Prague	61	43	S
								Rio de Janeiro	95	70	T
								Rome	73	48	C
								Seoul	54	36	C
								Singapore	93	75	T
								Stockholm	51	41	C
								Sydney	72	63	SH
								Tel Aviv	65	48	PC
								Tokyo	72	48	SH
								Toronto	27	16	SF
								Vancouver	50	48	SH
								Warsaw	46	37	S

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

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REGIONAL DIGEST:

Hartford Athletic ties at Tampa Bay with early goal

Joel Johnson scored early, beating Tampa Bay Rowdies goalie CJ Cochran just six minutes into the game to help the Hartford Athletic come away with a 1-1 USL Championship tie at Tampa Bay on Saturday night at Al Lang Stadium.

Tampa Bay's Jake LaCava, the New Milford, Conn., native then tied it at the 39-minute mark. Hartford improves to 0-1-1 on the season. Tampa Bay outshot Hartford 11-5, and 4-1 in shots on target. Next up for Athletic is a home match against Atlanta United 2 on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Trinity Healthy Field.

UConn loses at Rhode Island

Rhode Island rebounded from a blowout loss to UConn on Friday to ride a seven-inning quality start from Domenic Picone and defeat the Huskies 6-2 at Kingston, R.I. Picone allowed two runs on four hits and struck out 11. Anthony DePino provided the offense for URI (3-18) with two home runs and four RBI. Matt Grabowski and Erik Stock each drove in runs for UConn (16-5). The two teams close out the three-game series on Sunday at Elliot Ballpark in Storrs.

Quinnipiac a win from Frozen Four

Jayden Lee's goal at 9:37 of the third period turned out to be the game-winner as the Quinnipiac hockey team defeated St. Cloud State 5-4 in an NCAA regional semifinal game in Allentown, Pa., on Friday night. Ethan de Jong had a goal and two assists for the No. 2 seed Bobcats (32-6-4), who will face top seed Michigan on Sunday night for a spot in the Frozen Four.

— Staff reports

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY'S LATE COLLEGE RESULTS

MEN'S HOCKEY
NCAA Div. I **Tourney**—First Round (Allentown Pa.)
QUINNIPIAC 5, ST. CLOUD STATE 4

BASEBALL

TRINITY 10, MIDDLEBURY 9 (10)

SOFTBALL

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS 3, TRINITY 2

SATURDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NCAA Div. I **Tourney**—Sweet 16(Bridgeport)
UCONN 75, INDIANA 58

BASEBALL

RHODE ISLAND 6, UCONN 2
UMBC 16, HARTFORD 9
CENTRAL 14, WAGNER 9
TRINITY 11, MIDDLEBURY 8
EASTERN 13-12, CASTLETON 3-3
YALE 3-14, PRINCETON 2-8
SACRED HEART 7, MERRIMACK 2
MARIST 8, FAIRFIELD 4
QUINNIPIAC AT ST. JOHN'S, LATE

SOFTBALL

UCONN 7, DEPAUL 3
HARTFORD 9, QUINNIPIAC 4
MAINE 9, HARTFORD 2
ST. FRANCIS (PA.) 13-2, CENTRAL 2-0
WESLEYAN 7-12, CURRY 0-4
ST. JOSEPH 24-12, BAY PATH 6-2
YALE 8-6, DARTMOUTH 7-2
MAINE 8, QUINNIPIAC 4
SACRED HEART 7-4, UMASS LOWELL 2-5
STONY BROOK 13, FAIRFIELD 5

MEN'S LACROSSE

TUFTS 21, TRINITY 10
BOWDOIN 16, WESLEYAN 10
EASTERN 27, SALEM STATE 8
ST. JOSEPH 18, REGIS 3
YALE 14, PRINCETON 12
MONMOUTH 9, QUINNIPIAC 8
MOUNT ST. MARY'S 14, SACRED HEART 13

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

UCONN 15, HOFSTRA 11
WAGNER 16, CENTRAL 5
TUFTS 13, TRINITY 5
WESLEYAN 11, BOWDOIN 6
COLBY-SAWYER 16, ST. JOSEPH 10
YALE 11, PENN 10
QUINNIPIAC 19, MARIST 7

MEN'S TENNIS

WESLEYAN AT HAMILTON, LATE

WOMEN'S TENNIS

ARMY 7, UCONN 0
WESLEYAN 5, HAMILTON 0

SUNDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

MEN'S HOCKEY
NCAA Div. I **Tourney**—Quarterfinal (Allentown, Pa.)
Quinnipiac vs. Michigan, 6:30p.m.

BASEBALL

UMBC at Hartford, noon
Yale at Princeton, noon
New England College at Eastern, 12:30p.m.
Rhode Island at UConn, 1p.m.
Central at Wagner, 1p.m.
Wesleyan at Mitchell (2), 1p.m.
Quinnipiac at St. John's, 1p.m.
Sacred Heart at Merrimack, 1p.m.
Fairfield at Marist, 1p.m.

SOFTBALL

Maine at Quinnipiac, 9:30a.m.
DePaul at UConn, noon
Maine vs. Hartford (at Quinnipiac), noon
St. Francis (Pa.) at Central, noon
Yale at Dartmouth, 12:30p.m.
Hartford at Quinnipiac, 2:30p.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Wesleyan at Babson, 1p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

Wesleyan at Amherst, 2p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Wesleyan at Amherst, 10a.m.
St. John's at UConn, 4p.m.
Big East baseball standings
Team; CONF; CPCT; OVR; PCT
UConn; 0-0; .000; 16-5; .762
Georgetown; 0-0; .000; 15-8; .652
Creighton; 0-0; .000; 11-6; .647
Butler; 0-0; .000; 10-11; .476
Xavier; 0-0; .000; 10-13; .435
St. John's; 0-0; .000; 7-15; .318
Villanova; 0-0; .000; 3-13-1; .206
Seton Hall; 0-0; .000; 1-18; .053

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS

BUTLER 13, NORTHWESTERN 3
CREIGHTON 6, WICHITA STATE 1

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

RHODE ISLAND 6, UCONN 2
ST. JOSEPH'S (PA.) 3, SETON HALL 2 (11)
GEORGETOWN 9, VMI 5
CREIGHTON 8, WICHITA STATE 3
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AT BUTLER, LATE
QUINNIPIAC AT ST. JOHN'S, LATE
VILLANOVA AT RICHMOND, LATE
CINCINNATI AT XAVIER, LATE

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Northwestern at Butler, noon
Villanova at Richmond, noon
Rhode Island at UConn, 1p.m.
Quinnipiac at St. John's, 1p.m.
Cincinnati at Xavier, 1p.m.
Seton Hall at St. Joseph's (Pa.), time TBA
Creighton at Wichita State, time TBA
Big East softball standings
Team; CONF; CPCT; OVR; PCT
UConn; 7-1; .875; 17-11; .607
Butler; 5-2; .714; 17-9; .654
Providence; 4-4; .500; 17-9; .654
Seton Hall; 4-4; .500; 12-12; .500
Creighton; 3-3; .500; 13-10; .565
Georgetown; 2-2; .500; 11-13; .458
Villanova; 2-2; .500; 12-17; .414
DePaul; 1-4; .200; 11-16; .407
St. John's; 1-7; .125; 5-22; .185

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

UCONN 7, DEPAUL 3
VILLANOVA 9, ST. JOHN'S 1
BUTLER 4, SETON HALL 3
CREIGHTON 7, PROVIDENCE 6

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

DePaul at UConn, 11a.m.
St. John's at Villanova, noon
Providence at Creighton, 1p.m.
Seton Hall at Butler, 1p.m.

Boston Bruins captain Patrice Bergeron plays in his 1,200th NHL game against the New York Islanders on Saturday in Boston. **MICHAEL DWYER/AP**

BRUINS 6, ISLANDERS 3

Bruins beat Islanders in Bergeron's 1,200th game

Associated Press

BOSTON — David Pastrnak and Brad Marchand each had a goal and an assist during a four-goal second period for the surging Bruins, carrying them to a 6-3 victory over the New York Islanders on Saturday.

Boston captain Patrice Bergeron played in his 1,200th game. He became the 120th player in NHL history to reach that milestone. He returned to the lineup Saturday after missing the previous four games with an elbow infection.

"I told him we need you around for 1,300, by the way, and beyond," Boston coach Bruce Cassidy said of the 36-year-old Bergeron, who can become a free agent at the end of the season.

"Credit to him to play for one organization that long," Cassidy said. "Obviously, that tells you a little bit about both sides. He loves it here and we love having him."

Erik Haula and Jake DeBrusk each had a second-period goal after Craig Smith and Taylor Hall scored in the first for Boston, which earned its 14th win in 17 games (14-2-1).

"I guess I've been around for a while. It's been a long road that went fast," Bergeron said. "It's kind of crazy to think. ... You appreciate the moment and be thankful for everything you go through."

Linus Ullmark made 24 saves for Boston.

Brock Nelson scored his 30th of the season, and Anders Lee and Zach Parise each had a power-play score for the Islanders, who had won four of their previous five. Semyon Varlamov stopped 38 shots for New York.

Leading 2-1, the Bruins scored twice in the opening four minutes of the second. Pastrnak tallied his team-leading 37th when he charged in for a rebound at 2:13.

Just 1:43 later, Marchand hustled to his skates after being knocked down in the corner, collected a loose puck at the bottom of the right circle and slipped a wrister by Varlamov to make it 4-1.

Play got chippy after Boston opened its three-goal lead.

Pastrnak set up Haula's goal with a perfect cross-ice feed that made it 5-2 late in the second. DeBrusk closed the scoring in the second when his pass from behind the net caromed in off a skate.

"I think every night we expect to win; it doesn't matter who we're playing, where we're playing," Hall said. "It's a really fun feeling to have. Every line's contributing, you see a lot of balance."

Smith gave Boston a 1-0 edge 4:03 into the game when he scored off the rebound of Brandon Carlo's shot that caromed from the back boards.

"It felt like they were in our face up ice. We weren't very clean through the neutral zone," Parise said. "Just not as smooth as it had been."

Hall tipped Charlie McAvoy's shot past Varlamov for a power-play goal at 19:26, but Nelson swatted a rebound in with a backhand 22 seconds later.

"We weren't able to come and roll with that and tie it up," Nelson said of his late goal.

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CTHOME & REAL ESTATE

For the love of concrete

Long a foundational material, the mixture is now a finishing touch in home decor

By Katherine McLaughlin | The New York Times

Toward the end of 2019, Natalie Feltham started to look for a simple, minimal vessel for burning incense in her home. She wanted something more austere than the clay or ceramic options she had seen, with "clean, symmetrical and sharp lines." But it "didn't really exist," she said. So, Feltham, 27, who lives in Hitchin, England, decided to make her own using concrete.

Acquiring the necessary materials wasn't that difficult, she said. Making concrete calls for just three ingredients: cement, water and aggregates, which are small particles of sand, gravel or stone. Cement is mixed with water to form a paste, which is combined with the aggregates and poured into a mold. As it hardens, the mixture becomes concrete.

"It's quite an easy medium to mix and make," said Feltham, who had noticed concrete being used to create countertops and tiles, but "not really in small home pieces."

After finishing the incense burner, Feltham began using the material to make other décor and, in early 2020, started selling pieces via her line, Concrete Goods. Her boyfriend, James Goodwin Davies, 30, left his job as a graphic designer later that year to become the co-owner of Concrete Goods, which now sells candle holders, bowls, plates, soap dishes and, of course, incense burners that the two make using the material.

Their products are among a number of home furnishings made with concrete, which is creeping into categories more commonly associated with ceramics. On Etsy, there was a 49% increase in searches for concrete or cement trays on the site in the past 12 months compared with the same period the previous year, as well as a 25% increase in searches for concrete or cement décor, according to Dayna Isom Johnson, a trend expert for Etsy.

"I do think it's working its way into that ceramics space a little bit," said William Losleben, an artist and craftsman in Sultan, Washington. "Stuff that was once made from clay or terra cotta could be made out of concrete fairly easily."

While Losleben uses the material to make furniture including end tables, desks and chairs for his line Concrete Project, he also sells trays, bowls and

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Clockwise from top: a black-and-white tile from Concrete Love, a spherical black Orbis vessel from IntoConcrete, a gray marbled plate from Concrete Goods and ridged coasters from IntoConcrete. **RYAN JENQ/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Make your child's bedroom more fun, festive

By Cathy Hobbs
Tribune News Service

Children's rooms by their very nature are meant to be bright, colorful and fun. Looking for ways to bring creativity into a children's bedroom space? Here are some top tips.

1. Bedding. Bedding is a prime decor element and a key opportunity to infuse color prints and patterns.

2. Citrus colors such as green, orange and yellow are both bright as well as gender-neutral.

3. Artwork is an opportunity to bring large-scale color into a bedroom.

4. Removable wall stickers provide an alternative to wallpaper and can be used to create an interesting accent wall.

5. Portable play items such as hammocks offer fun play spaces, especially for young children.

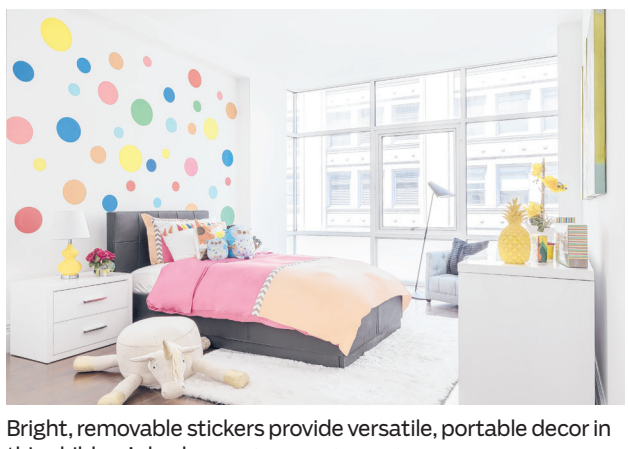
6. Shelving provides an opportunity for organization and display in children's bedrooms. More great options are colorful bins and bags.

7. Area rugs offer an opportunity to infuse texture and color into children's rooms.

8. Mix candy colors together if looking to create overall color that allows for a versatile scheme.

9. Select neutral primary pieces such as beds and dressers and infuse color through elements such as artwork, area rugs and accessories.

10. Repurpose objects and decor in interesting ways. For example, use skateboards as shelving or a swing instead of a traditional seating.



Bright, removable stickers provide versatile, portable decor in this children's bedroom. **COURTESY/TNS**

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Deducting taxes on home owned by mother

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency

When it comes to filing a federal income tax return, the person who owns the home gets to deduct the real estate taxes that were paid for the home. DREAMSTIME

Q: I lived with my mother, in her home, for 44 years. I have helped her with her home expenses since my college days and took care of her through her battle with Alzheimer's. I even paid her property taxes, homeowners insurance and utilities for many years. In fact, all the utility bills are in my name.

She passed away two years ago. She wanted me to remain living in the home for as long as I wished, because I was the only person who took responsibility for her care.

I have several siblings. All of them have their own homes and have no desire to remove me from the home. The property is debt-free. If I were to decide to move from the home, then any sale proceeds would be divided between us all, but until then, it's been agreed that I can remain, as long as I continue to pay the taxes and normal expenses of living there.

My mom may have had a will, but we have yet to find it. She was a hoarder, and no one really knows where she might have stashed it. Can I deduct the real estate taxes on my federal income taxes even if the tax bill is in her name?

A: You pose an interesting question. On the one hand, you've treated your mom's home as your own for most of your life. Yet, the home was owned by your mother. Generally, for income tax purposes, the person that owns the home has the right to deduct the real estate taxes. In your case, it would seem that while your mother was alive, you could not deduct those taxes.

Here's the interesting part: It doesn't matter who receives the tax bills for the home or whether the tax bills are in the name of one person or another. When it comes to filing a federal income tax return, the person that owns the home gets to deduct the real estate taxes that were paid for the home.

Once your mother passed, and in the absence of a valid will stating different wishes, it would seem that you and your siblings inherited the home and may now own it in equal shares. It would stand to reason that you could deduct your payments to the local authorities for real estate taxes on your federal income tax return.

But, before you take that deduction, you'll need to determine whether you should take it. Depending on how much money you make, the standard deduction on individual federal income taxes for 2021 is $12,550 according to the Internal Revenue Service website.

Before you could benefit from deducting your real estate tax payments, you'd need to figure out if you have deductions for state, local and property taxes that would be greater than $10,000 and any other deductions that would take you over the $12,550 threshold. (You are limited to a grand total of $10,000 in deductions for state, local and property taxes in any case.)

You'll have to see if your deductible expenses are high enough to reach those thresholds. If they are, you'll be able to deduct your real estate tax payments. If not, you'll get the benefit of the standard deduction.

If your returns are more complicated, you'll need to talk to a tax professional about your situation and how the property tax payments you make affect that.

You do need to have a conversation with your siblings about the property, and get a written agreement in place that outlines your understanding of the property: who owns it, how you get the continued use of the property if you pay the real estate taxes, utilities and insurance, and who covers the ongoing maintenance that's needed (major and minor repairs).

And things will happen. Let's say the roof needs replacement. You should have some agreement as to the sharing of major expenses, assuming everyone owns the property collectively. If you're going to front that cash, then you'll want to have something in writing that says you'll be reimbursed for those expenses out of the sale proceeds before the net profit is divided equally. Likewise, if you owe money for expenses that should have been shared, but one or both of your siblings picked up that expense, then they'll recover their out of pocket expenses, too.

It's hard for siblings or heirs to draft up this sort of agreement without professional help. Consider talking to an attorney to help you document your agreement with your siblings.

If you can't get your siblings on board for a little legal help, write a letter to yourselves (that everyone can sign), as memories can be short and receipts go missing.

Finally, if one of your siblings dies, you don't want to get into a battle with that sibling's executor or representative of their estate. Which could easily happen if there's nothing in writing that has everyone's signatures.

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Homeowners and pros can work together to minimize the impact of costs. DREAMSTIME

HOME REMEDIES

How do rising fuel prices affect home services costs?

By Megan Rousseau
Ask Angi

If you own a car or a television, you've probably noticed — gas prices are surging to record highs. AAA reported a national average of $4.25 per gallon last week, with gas prices predicted to creep up even more in the near future. This extra cost is adding fuel to an already hot fire for business owners and consumers in the grip of inflation. But is this pressure at the pump going to impact homeowners looking to hire pros for their home improvement projects?

Most likely. Here's what we know.

Angi recently polled our pros to find out how this recent spike is impacting their businesses. Due to surging gas prices, nearly 75% of pros say they will raise prices or rates (or already have) to make up for this added expense.

Joshua Belcher, owner and operator at Liberty Landscaping in Knightstown, Indiana, used to offer all his customers free estimates. But now, he's had to start charging for that service and raise prices by 20%.

"You want to do the best you can for your customers and give them fair deals," he says. "But in order to stay afloat, you have to charge for things you used to do for free before."

About half of Belcher's customer base has been able to afford the price increase. For the most part, homeowners understand.

"Customers who appreciate your business and have the financial means do have your back during these hard times," he says.

"It's a bummer for them but they understand. Certain customers we've lost because they say they can't take the price increase."

Phil Boonstra, owner of PR Builders in Windsor, Colorado, says rising gas prices increase his subcontractor costs and he has no choice but to pass that on to homeowners.

"Some of my subcontractors are an hour away from the job, and every time they're filling up, they're seeing a $20 or $30 increase in cost," he says.

"They start adding trip charges to their work, and that gets passed on to the consumer. On a basement remodeling job, that's an extra few hundred dollars. It really starts to add up."

But there are ways for both homeowners and pros to work together and save on transportation costs. Here are some tips:

Communicate with your pro and expect the extra charge: Pros have to factor in the extra cost of gasoline required to make it to your home. Asking about any extra fees related to gas prices can save homeowners sticker shock later on. Until gas prices cool off, it's helpful for homeowners to budget for this extra expense when hiring a pro.

Consider bundling your home projects together: Have a few things that need tackling at your home? Think about hiring a handyperson who is able to handle a few different jobs in one visit. That way, you (and your pro) will save on transportation costs.

Book pros close to your home: Hiring a local service can save homeowners money in transportation costs. Plus, pros may be more likely to take on jobs that are nearby, so they can avoid spending more money at the pumps.

TREASURES

Urns are striking, but not Sevres

By Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson
Tribune News Service

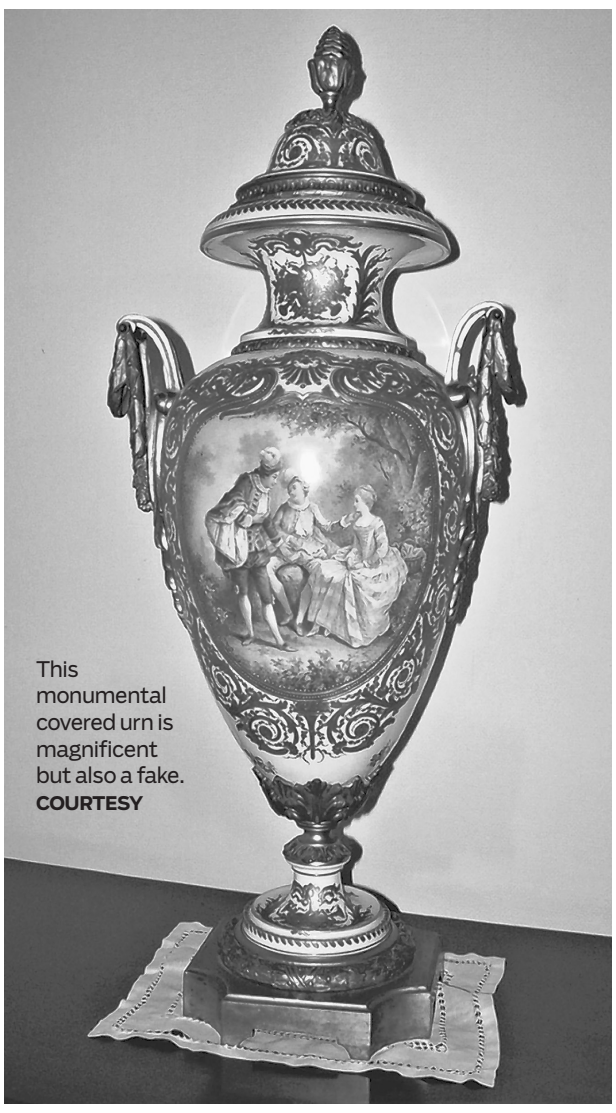
Q: My sister and I acquired a pair of Sevres urns that were once the property of a Duluth, Minnesota museum. The urns are stamped "Sevres 1846" in a circle with an intertwined "LP" and "Chateau Des Tuileries" in a red circle with a crown. They are hand-painted and about 32 inches high. We would appreciate any information and how best to sell them.

A: There is no question that the pair of urns is magnificent. The elaborate rococo-style gilding is superb, the gilt bronze mounts are impressive and the large reserves with painted designs of court figures on one side and a scenic view on the other are beautifully done.

In 1738, under the patronage of French King Louis XV, a porcelain factory was established in a former riding academy at Vincennes, France. Porcelain was not made here successfully until 1745, and although it produced some truly remarkable things, the enterprise was never financially successful.

In 1753, production was moved to Sevres, which was near the home of Madame de Pompadour, Louis XV's mistress and one of the firm's most vocal advocates. Porcelain for royalty was the focus, but when the French Revolution occurred, the Sevres factory became property of the state.

The problems with the pieces begin with a mark — conjoined "Ls" with the letter "B" inside. This is supposed to be the monogram of Louis XV with the "B" indicating (falsely) that the piece was made in 1754. The 1846 mark that appears with the monogram of King Louis Phillippe is closer to the true time of manufacture, but even that is probably a tad too early.



This monumental covered urn is magnificent but also a fake. COURTESY

The "Chateau Des Tuileries" mark is there to indicate the piece was supposedly made to be used in that palace, which was located in Paris until it was destroyed by fire in 1871. But the mark is always suspicious. The urns were not made in the Sevres factory, but probably in Limoges or by an anonymous Paris factory. An Austrian origin is also possible.

The pair should be called "Sevres style." It has been said that as much as 90% of all porcelain bearing Sevres marks are fake and buyers need to beware.

As for selling these, we recommend a fine auction house. Similar pairs have brought over $10,000 at auction, but others have fallen far short of that figure and sold in the $1,000 to $2,000 range. Finding the right auction house will take a little research. Check out such firms as Dallas Auction Gallery, John Moran Auctioneers in Monrovia, California, or Clars Auction Gallery in Oakland, California, to name just a few who have done well with this kind of porcelain.

Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques. Do you have an item you'd like to know more about? Contact them at Joe Rosson, 2504 Seymour Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, or email them at treasures@knology.net. If you'd like your question to be considered for their column, include a high-resolution photo of the subject, which must be in focus, with your inquiry.

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK: 1 Bedford Court, Farmington **Sponsored**

Property of the Week

1 Bedford Court, Farmington

By James Alexander

It is hard to overstate the appeal of this classic brick home located at 1 Bedford Court in the much sought-after Farmington neighborhood of Devonwood. Outside the professionally landscaped grounds with mature plantings and large trees set the tone by being impressive and inviting. Indeed, that could easily describe the home itself, impressive, inviting and, according to the owner, Sarah Pfinsgraff, "…easy to live in. I was sold on the floor plan and the quality of the build on my first visit."

The interior is open. While in the entry foyer the grand front stairway captures the eye first, followed by a sightline to the back of the house with views of the large yard and woods. Yet, this home also offers quiet alcoves and home office space.

Immediately to the right of the entry is one such space, a handsome library. Highlights include built-in cherry bookcases and cabinetry, crown molding, and an alcove that could easily accommodate a second family member working from home. If this proves a little too crowded, there are options for a second office upstairs. Bolstering this library's appeal is its connection to the family room through a passageway that includes a wet bar. It is perfect for entertaining in either room.

The family room is large and has great views of the backyard. "One aspect of this home, that is unusual for Devonwood, is that it has a large, level, and cleared lot," said Christy Muller, with William Pitt Sotheby's, who is handling the sale.

"This is where the neighborhood children play soccer," Pfinsgraff said of the backyard. A pool would easily fit, if the next owners wish to add one, without infringing excessively on playing space, Muller added.

The family room has one of three wood-burning fireplaces in the home. It is also bathed in light, thanks to large windows. Adding to its sense of space are 10-foot ceilings.

French doors can separate the family room from a large and amazing eat-in chef's kitchen. The counters are granite. The large center island has room for seating, a surface cooktop, and a vegetable prep sink. Stainless steel appliances that come with the home include a Sub-Zero refrigerator, microwave oven, dual built-in ovens, separate cooktops, and a dishwasher. The focal point of the kitchen, however, is a brick wall with another wood burning fireplace, more space for meal prep and a second, smaller surface cooktop.

"The kitchen is open to the family room, but it can also be closed off if you prefer," Muller said. Even with the French doors closed, the sightlines remain.

At the front of the home on the left is the formal living room, which is open to the dining room. The living room has another wood-burning fireplace and displays the immense attention to detail that is present throughout the home. Chair rail moldings highlight shadow boxing below, while dentil crown molding, used in other areas of the home, and a raised panel over the fireplace, add a distinctive touch.

Throughout the first floor, there are eye-catching ceiling light fixtures, including one that is unique in the mudroom, which connects the kitchen to the four-car garage, separate front and rear entries, the back stairs to the second floor, and a utility room with a second washing machine for emergency cleanups. While waxed oak flooring, darkened with provincial stain, is used through most of the first floor, the mudroom has a tile floor. It also has seven cubbies that can accommodate coats and boots. "We did not realize how much we needed these," Pfinsgraff said of the cubbies, "until we got them." The first floor also has two half baths.

The highlight of the second floor is a spacious primary suite with a dramatic tray ceiling, large walk-in closet, and a lavishly done bath with a jetted tub, dual showerhead shower stall and a separate room for the commode. There are two sinks in separate vanities, with one allowing for seating for those final makeup touches. Also attached to this primary suite is a second room that can double as an office or a nursery.

Down the hall there are four more bedrooms. The two in the front of the home have a Jack-and-Jill bathroom, as do the two bedrooms across the hall.

At the end of this hall is a large room that could be a children's play area or a spacious office. It is adjacent to another full bathroom.

Across from this room is a private suite. It has a space for a bedroom, a large room that is now used for exercise, and a full bath. This suite is ideal for an au pair or for intergenerational living. The second floor also has a full laundry, complete with a unique drip-drying corner with a floor drain to handle the water.

As for location, this home is close to the center of Farmington, the University of Connecticut Health Center, golfing at the Tunxis Country Club and I-84. The Farmington Polo Grounds holds numerous events throughout the summer while Winding Trails, at Devonwood's Farmington Avenue entrance, offers children's camps in the summer, along with swimming, sailing, trail biking and, in the winter, skating and cross country skiing. With 500 acres, Devonwood has ample opportunities for walking, running and biking.

It is, however, the friendliness of the neighborhood that is top-of-mind for Pfinsgraff. She has, she said, made lasting friendships here.

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

1 Bedford Court, Farmington

Year built: 1994
Price: $1,395,000
Style: Classic Colonial
Rooms: 13
Bedrooms: 7
Baths: 5 full, 2 half
Square footage: 7,180
Acreage: 1.16
Mill rate: 28.81
Best feature: The beauty, inside and out, of this grand home.
Contact: Christy Muller
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HARWINTON

Country Colonial on 2.04 acres Bristol water company borders to the side and town open space borders in the back. Three bedrooms and 2.1 baths with two car attached and one car under garage. some updating needed but well worth it once finished. $390,000.
196 Burlington Rd, Harwinton CT 06791. MLS #170475257.
Contact Jennifer Roller (860)459-0805 | jroller@williampitt.com

SOUTHINGTON

Very well maintained ranch in the desirable neighborhood of Plantsville! The home features hardwood floors, bay window offering natural light, front and storm doors, energy efficient windows, front and back deck, and a fenced yard. Make this house your home and Welcome to Southington! $220,000. 17 Brooklane Rd, Southington, CT 06489. MLS #170474797. Contact Amy Manning (860)922-8811 amanning@williampitt.com

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

ANSONIA

7 Page St, Tume, Gabriel to Carrasquillo, Raul and Carrasquillo, Marilyn, 3/10, $330,000

20 Holbrook St, Fitzgerald, David E and Roshkowski, Carolyn A to Gonzalez, Mariely, 3/10, $230,000

23 Riggs St, Soldra Walter J Est and Ahlberg, Kurt M to Gonzalez, Reynier G and Lora, Liubis I, 3/7, $270,000

25 Hubbell Ave, Sandoval, Juan to Francois, Marie A, 3/7, $275,000

29 Grove St, Stein, Joseph and Gagne, Kenneth R to Foster, Ruel and Foster, Terry, 3/10, $190,000

60 Jewett St, KCH 60 Properties LLC to Reinheimer, Marcos, 3/7, $200,000

126 Prospect St, Onofrio Jr, Anthony P and Donofrio, Anna L to Buritica, Gilma S and Jimenez, Ruben D, 3/3, $297,000

540 E Main St, Ansonia Autopark LLC to KBR Enterprises LLC, 3/8, $750,000

ASHFORD

8 Oak Dr, Munsch, Mark J and Musch, Patricia A to Provencher 2nd, Richard J and Provencher, Heather, 3/7, $180,000

21 Deerfield Dr, Kennedy, Jacqueline to Champney, Benjamin J and Arbogast, Jenna E, 3/9, $285,000

106 Howard Rd, Knowlton, Annette L to Schattle 2nd, Donald J and Schattle, Kelly L, 3/7, $220,000

AVON

2 Cliff Dr, Lake House Renovations to Wirta, Matthew E, 3/10, $335,000

30 Pioneer Dr, R&R Assoc to Rossetti Development LLC, 3/4, $200,000

32 Applewood Ln Lot 32, Burns, Frances P to Singer, Brian A, 3/4, $212,000

48 Sarah Dr, Kastoff, Geraldine R to Tajali, Yasser and Azimipour, Solaleh, 3/10, $655,000

48 Scarborough Dr, Mansour Developers Inc to Olander, Matthew and Kulbabchuk, Alona, 3/10, $833,401

580 Deercliff Rd, Narkiewicz, Jodi B to Espinar, Hermitania and Espinar, Johnathan D, 3/9, $1,250,000

BARKHAMSTED

59 Lavander Rd, Morris, Michael E and Morris, Esther M to Harrington, Judy K, 2/28, $502,000

89 Goose Green Rd, Dealessio Jr, John J and Dealessio, Heidi L to Ochs, Peter D and Ochs, Linda M, 3/2, $374,000

BERLIN

Mill St, Connecticut State Of to Karanian, Charlene J and Karanian, Sabra L, 3/9, $13,950

10 Canoe Birch Ct Lot 10, Mcdonald Rosalie Est and Mcdonald, Nicole to Hurtado, Marlene, 3/7, $310,000

10 Holly Ct, Tutka, Izabela B and Tutka, Krzysztof to Nguyen, Nikki and Le, Tan, 3/8, $410,000

44 Randecker Ln, Christ Manon Est and Taylor, Barbara A to Coccomo 2 LLC, 3/10, $305,000

189 Stony Mill Ln Lot 189, Menard, Mary A to Obrien, Laura, 3/9, $306,000

205 Scenic Dr Lot 205, Estates Of Berlin LLC to Parsons, Daniel C and Parsons, Jean R, 3/9, $501,341

BETHANY

655 Litchfield Tpke, Holt, John and Rousseau-Holt, Johanne to Ezagui, Menachen, 3/8, $712,500

BETHEL

1 Penny Ln Lot 1, Moreno, Gualberto and Cagliostro, Sally to Oberman, Paula B, 2/28, $677,000

4 Waterhorse Brook Dr, Pack Tarala Gale S Est and Fay, Candace to US Group Investment LLC, 3/7, $262,000

16 Great Hill Dr Lot 16, Noto, Steven P and Noto, Carolyn K to Marselle IRT and Fraser, Janine, 3/8, $640,000

25 Great Hill Dr Lot 25, Toll CT 2 LP to Cacioppo, Victor V and Kibble-Cacioppo, Maxine L, 3/7, $604,715

BLOOMFIELD

2 Livingstone Rd, Simmons Edward Est and Watterworth, Gayle M to Wiles, Feminique, 3/9, $220,500

12 Pent Rd, Kallfelz, David A and Kallfelz, Kathleen M to Pietrzak, Patricia and Pietrzak, Jerry, 3/9, $470,000

15 Arnold Dr, Daigle, Reno to Vassell, Garfield S, 3/7, $280,000

95 E Harold St, Callender, Shawde D to Ball, Aquilla, 3/9, $215,000

BOLTON

16 Birch Mountain Rd, Baker, Catherine L and Stinger, Catherine L to Ivanitskyy, Dmytro and Ivanitskyy, Shayna, 3/7, $319,000

28 Bayberry Rd, Hafeez, Anila and Hafeez, Muhammad to Satchell, Rodger, 3/11, $285,000

BRANFORD

Damascus Rd, Kalman, John to Dasilva, Rosanna, 3/7, $20,000

Hunting Ridge Farms Rd, Walsh Ann G Et to US Bank NA, 3/11, $414,005

4 Ash Creek Rd, Quinlan, William J and Quinlan, Kimberlee M to Giddens, Shannon and Greger, Max, 3/11, $605,000

7 Business Park Dr Lot 14B, Maylam LLC to Madonna Jr, Philip A, 3/7, $150,000

10 Collins Dr, Jacobson Doris S Est and Kraszewski, Greta to Nagy, Kalman, 3/11, $400,000

12 Palmer Woods Cir, Hewitt Beverly J Est and Leonard, John F to Olsen, Elaine, 3/8, $320,000

14 Pineview Dr Lot 14, Nesto 3rd, Frank to Madrigal, Armando, 3/8, $192,000

32 Sunrise Cove Rd, Goto Arthur Est and Needham, Anne to Flagg, Warren D and Flagg, Mary A, 3/11, $350,000

37 Stannard Ave, Cross, George B and Cross, Marcia to Petrelis Properties LLC, 3/8, $251,000

42 Turtle Bay Dr Lot 42, Kilgore, Margaret to Sallie T Gouverneur T and Riley, John E, 3/8, $725,000

43 Orchard Hill Rd, Liguori, Massimo to Espino, Harry, 3/10, $319,500

53 Brushy Plain Rd Lot 2A, Piombino Albert F Est and Sandler, Robin B to Fisher, Corinne, 3/11, $135,000

114 Cedar Knolls Dr Lot 114, Patel, Aimee L to Marottoli, Vincent and Marottoli, Anastasia, 3/8, $221,000

211 Greens Farm Rd Lot 211, Hwang, Sewook to Dwibedi, Nilanjana and Ghosh, Rajib, 3/11, $280,000

455 Thoreau St Lot 455, Soto, Denilda to Addesso, Jonah and Addesso, Mark, 3/11, $230,000

BRIDGEPORT

E Main St, Lowe, Hector to 16 Rocky Point LLC, 3/7, $530,000

Geduldig St, Tietze, Daniel F to Vaziri, Farzaneh, 3/3, $310,000

Hanover St, Csontos William Est and Dlugos, Daniel F to 79 Lansing LLC, 3/9, $405,500

Kingsbury Rd, Miller Virginia Est and Miller, Cynthia to Isufi, Amir, 3/7, $365,000

16-18 Roosevelt St, Wilson, Theodore R to Hancocks Home LLC, 3/7, $200,000

27 Abner Ct Lot 27, Boudreax, Katarina L to Bruneau, Tania, 3/2, $155,000

28 Enid St Lot D, Ramdath, Patricia U to Griffin, Pamela, 3/7, $107,000

30 Blackman Pl, Stcloud, Gerda and Stcloud, Carline to Baker, Wapple, 3/7, $390,000

43 Burr Ct, Rios, Margaret M to BWA 43 Burr LLC, 3/3, $284,000

45 Stevens St Lot 1M, Kenneth E Tucker Sr T and Tucker Sr, Kenneth E to Constante, Marco B, 3/7, $110,000

45 Valley Ave, Roberts Properties LLC to Burrell, Marisa, 3/4, $345,000

46 Daniel Dr, Holness, Steven to 46 Daniels Dr LLC, 3/3, $355,000

56 Virginia Ave Lot 56, Hernandez, Justa X to John, Edal C, 3/8, $116,000

63 Norland Ave, Nazar, Kashif to Polanco, Chaquon T and Polanco, Carlos R, 3/2, $409,000

65 Charron St, Xie, Hu to Saquipulla, Leodan and Zhinin, Luz V, 3/7, $385,000

67-69 Maplewood Ave, Herrera, Mauricio A to Amorin, Fabian B, 3/3, $310,000

72 Beers St, Pezzella, Vincent E to J&Z Property LLC, 3/7, $330,000

83 Primrose Ave, Pothanszky Helen K Est and Pothanszky, Andrew to Diversifield Prop Improve, 3/7, $314,000

84 Velvet St, Sharp Dev Group Inc to Gaba, Angela A, 3/3, $321,000

93-95 Baldwin St, Browning, Jesse to 93 Baldwin LLC, 3/2, $225,000

107 Richfield Rd, Luther, Jonathan to Legato, Amthony, 3/4, $455,000

175 Queen St, Procopio, Rosina to Crucel, Felix, 3/7, $450,000

193-195 Beechwood Ave, Andreus, Rolles and Andreus, Emmanuel to Rodriguez, Bryan, 3/8, $369,000

206-208 Frank St, Ribeiro, Jose M and Siquera, Sabrina to Junior, Genivaldo F and Ferreira, Marielle, 3/4, $220,000

213 Pequonnock St, Santos, Lee and Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc to Fernandes, Valerio, 3/7, $175,000

214 Beechwood Ave, Deborah Green T and Green, Deborah to Mcdonald, Jason, 3/7, $323,000

231-237 Coleman St, 681 Myrtle Ave Prop LLC to Tri State Property LLC, 3/2, $468,111

255 Ruth St, Jajeh, Mouaz to Hinojosa, Luis and Vazquez, Giovanna, 3/8, $265,000

280 Grandview Ave, Bridgeport City Of to May, Janet, 3/2, $150,000

285 Glendale Ave Lot F2, Mcdonald, Tricia to Briggs, Karen, 3/7, $148,000

325 Myrtle Ave Lot 1002, Fitzsimmons, Kevin to Chalmers Realty LLC, 3/8, $136,000

353 Old Town Rd, Dimbo, David and Rateau, Claudia to Hernandez, Yember and Pagalday, Alba N, 3/3, $300,000

360 Clark St, Pham, Nancy and Lam, Wendy to Reyes, Jorge E and Gomez, Maria M, 3/3, $345,000

390 Platt St, Ellis, Tothlyn to Burgos, Omar and Salcedo, Dunis A, 3/7, $341,000

451 Goldenrod Ave, Bento, Ana to Monteiro, Alirio S, 3/4, $380,000

610 Wilmot Ave, Delvalle, Felicita to Oquendo, Inez C, 3/7, $50,000

1033-1035 Maplewood Ave, Delvalle, Abraham to Equity Vent Group LLC, 3/4, $150,588

1532 North Ave, Femandez, Robert E to Femandez, Robert E, 3/2, $267,000

1532 North Ave, 681 Myrtle Ave Prop LLC to Tri State Property LLC, 3/2, $291,667

1635 Stratford Ave, Souza, Ademir Q to Dasilva, Marcos R, 3/3, $200,000

1741 Old Town Rd, Council, Tex to Valle, Ernesto, 3/8, $268,000

1785 Central Ave, Coach Realty LLC to Ingram, Walter F and Ingram, Dorothy J, 3/3, $95,000

2370 North Ave Lot 2E, Vasilyev, Yuriy and Vasilyeva, Polina to Sample, Robert L and Sample, Virginia J, 3/7, $85,000

3370 Madison Ave Lot 5B, Gutic, Ferid to Mccarthy, Neil, 3/3, $141,000

BRISTOL

24 Kingswood Dr, Petit, Phyllis M to Linn, Robert, 3/7, $100,000

45 Willis St, Vastola, Steven to Thornsberry, Morgan T, 3/7, $278,000

60 Pleasant St, Florian, Andrew to Colon, Hector L and Colon, Julia, 3/7, $255,000

85 Illinois Ave, Lebiti, Reis to Bedell, Anna and Bedell, Lauren O, 3/7, $305,000

99 Wolcott St, Bellefleur, Fernande to Cumbicos-Romero, Flor, 3/7, $212,000

141 Frederick St, Blanche&Jackie LLC to Booker Jr, Conrad B, 3/8, $295,000

167 Stevens St, Combs, Cameron to Reutzel, Joshua R and Deangelis, Brianna, 3/8, $190,000

365 Allentown Rd Lot 7, Palaj, Anton and Ndou, Eljona to Misakian, Ashley, 3/7, $288,500

BROOKFIELD

1 Falmouth Ct Lot 1, Cabral, Brian to Glorio, Michael, 3/7, $173,400

12 Hidden Brook Dr, Mitchell, Robert T and Mitchell, Michael J to Osterman, Jeffrey D and Matula, Susan J, 3/11, $1,150,000

54 Juniper Rd, Blocker, Raymond P and Blocker, Maria E to Navarro-Mora, Luis D, 3/11, $386,000

55 N Mountain Rd, Odonnell, Justin Y and Bohn-Odonnell, Ruth to Zheng, Liyi and Henderson, Ian, 3/8, $650,500

793 Federal Rd Lot 14, Weizer, Jessica A and Weizer, Greg A to Chen, Yongmin, 3/8, $299,000

BROOKLYN

122 Stetson Rd, Carver, Adam to Exarhoulias, Lindsey, 3/9, $230,000

BURLINGTON

Carriage Dr, Pieruccini, Shauna T and Pieruccini, Mark to Morrell, David E and Morrell, Alisha L, 3/2, $415,000

7 Pleasant St, Cascade Funding Mtg T HB4 to Lindo, Patricia, 3/4, $172,100

18 Carriage Dr, Mudgett, David D and Mudgett, Karen K to Ericson, Deanna R, 2/28, $415,000

35 Old Farms Rd, Johnnycake Mtn Assoc Inc to Rich, Joseph S and Rich, Gale A, 3/7, $105,000

381 Johnnycake Mountain Rd, Johnnyhcake Mtn Assoc to Johnnycake Mtn Assoc Inc, 3/7, $50,000

CANAAN

12 Facchin St, Bauer, Catherine to Rooney, Brendan R, 3/7, $175,000

CANTERBURY

275 Cemetery Rd, Barbone, Peter A and Barbone, Karen C to Gilbert, George, 3/7, $380,000

CANTON

50 E Hill Rd Lot 7J, Briatico, Nicholas R to Scofield, Christopher D and Finn, Melanie H, 3/7, $155,000

667 Cherry Brook Rd, Lambis, Shanna to Paterson Jr, Robert M, 3/7, $345,000

CHESHIRE

Ridgecrest Dr, Carabetta, David and Koehl-Carabetta, Kristin L to Larocco, Neil and Larocco, Linda, 3/8, $388,000

81 Fernwood Ln, Jeanette Alma C Est and Jeanette, Anthony to Castillo-Armas, Estefani, 3/8, $300,000

115 Nob Hill Rd, Orsene, Joseph W and Orsene, Mark to Morris, Jacob and Donofrio, Monique, 3/9, $433,000

178 Harrison Rd, Carslno, Benjamin M and Carlson, Stephanie to Keene, Christian and La Rocca, Danielle, 3/9, $455,012

1141 S Meriden Rd, Stango Jr, Stephen P to Higgins, Jay P and Higgins, Erin M, 3/10, $320,000

1224 Prospect Rd, Dileo, Peter J to Edith Pagoni Sawtelle LT and Pagoni, Edith, 3/8, $214,720

CHESTER

20 Story Hill Rd, Vile Sr, William J and Vile Jr, William J to Schaeffer, William C, 3/9, $300,000

127 W Main St, Mayer, Donna to L Italien Property LLC, 3/10, $475,000

CLINTON

37 Cow Hill Rd, Elberth, Kimberly and Loprete, Edward to New Eng Facility Maintena, 3/8, $70,000

97 Pratt Rd, 97 Pratt Road LLC to Harkins, Michael D and Harkins, Susan, 3/8, $760,000

COLCHESTER

Route 16, Alvey, Julie M and Alvey, Philip to Angell, Jason and Alos, Carolann, 3/8, $43,000

21 Penee Ln, Healy, Richard to Harasimowitz, Tracy, 3/9, $240,000

COLUMBIA

21 Pine St, Santalucia, Derek C to Glanert, Melanie K, 3/8, $255,000

DANBURY

Linron Dr, Streaman, Lynda J to Barroso, Ivaldo and Barroso, Hidelma, 3/10, $110,000

Michaud Rd, JBD Properties LLC to Stone Rdg Developement, 3/9, $80,000

State St, Lillis, Kimberly to Lillis, Kimberly, 3/7, $18,000

1 Beaver Brook Rd Lot 46, Morrow, Scott J and Morrow, Lindsay to Nunez Investments LLC, 3/10, $150,000

1 Rivington Way Lot 306, Joan M Civitanova T and Civitanova, Joan M to Sweikert, William and Sweikert, Maryann, 2/28, $450,000

2 Great Pasture Rd, SDB Holdings LLC to 2 GPR Owner LP, 3/1, $8,900,000

2 Shady Ln, Brito, Maria J to Davis, Debra and Anderson, Patricia, 3/3, $326,000

2-A Jeanette St Lot 52, Pratt, Darryel and Villaverde, Tracey to Forrester, Suzette B, 3/7, $315,000

4 Sturdevant Dr, Webber, Fara M to Pizzimenti, Vincent P and Pizzimenti, Amy J, 2/28, $555,000

6 Brentwood Cir Lot 6, Toll CT 3 LP to Turker, Devrim and Turker, Natalyn, 3/9, $634,836

6 Hakim St Lot 2-6, RJP Real Estate LLC to Moroney, Colten, 3/3, $254,900

6 Rose Ln Lot 3-17, Galli Daniel Est and Galli, Sandra to Simon, Nadine and Simon, Zvi, 3/10, $220,000

8 Pocono Point Rd, Joyce, William and Joyce, Kathleen to Rarn Holdings LLC, 3/9, $1,300,000

9 Fir Dr, Martin, Jeffrey K and Edelson, Miriam to Drosos, Fotini R and Drosos, Georgios A, 2/28, $652,500

9 Rivington Way Lot 9, Hao, Bryan K and Brussels, Stephen J to Campbell, Peter and Campbell, Debra, 3/9, $682,500

9-A Franklin St, Angel Pina Invs LLC to Murillo, Manuel A, 3/7, $380,000

12 Lee Ave, Santoro, Glenn M and Santoro, Savoeun to Cuellar, Manuel O, 3/9, $245,000

12-20 E King St, Oliveira, Angelico and Oliveira, Marie E to Mathews, Regi and Mathews, Geetha, 3/3, $150,000

14 Morton St Lot 6, So, Kristine M and So, Jeanette L to Wood, Andrew and Wood, Millany, 3/2, $340,000

19 4th St, Ricardo, Luiz and Ricardo, Mariza M to Espinal, Angelica L and Rodriguez, Aneury D, 3/1, $375,000

19 Henry St, Georgi Edwin Est and Oneil, Beth to Espinal, Nilo J, 3/7, $200,000

20 Lawrence Ave Lot 20, Lindwall, Karen A and Andronaco, Joseph J to Briscoe, Patrice Y and Briscoe, Shaun F, 3/7, $460,000

20 Lawrence Ave Lot 20, Lindwall, Karen A and Andronaco, Joseph J to Briscoe, Patrice Y and Briscoe, Shaun F, 3/2, $460,000

20 Marion St, Detch, Veronica to Zarzhevsky, Alexander and Abramzon, Irina, 3/8, $450,000

23 Briarwood Dr, Dejesus, Juraci V and Vieira, Edilene B to Arias, Edgar F, 2/28, $420,000

25 Fairview Dr Lot 3, Housatonic Town Of to Bush, Sarah, 2/28, $150,000

25 Lawrence Ave Lot 25, Russo, Charles A and Russo, Diane to Sever, Mehtap and Pawar, Manas, 3/7, $475,000

25 Padanaram Rd Lot 70, Carmo, Sara and Leao, Edson to Mdachi, Zelda C, 3/1, $290,000

26 Blackberry Rd, Johann Ostner 2018 RET and Lillis, Kimberly to Guzman, Segundo J, 3/7, $270,000

27 Crows Nest Ln Lot 11R, Shnitser, Michael to Tankeng, Nkong, 3/2, $255,000

27 Lilac Ln, Lombardi, Christine and Lombardi, Ernest to Mcmahon, Corey, 3/2, $545,000

32 Benedict Ave Lot C, Vassell, Atekel E and Blake, Shamonie T to Greenidge, Sandra, 3/3, $330,000

32 Crows Nest Ln Lot 3, Fesh, Jennifer and Fesh, David to Hudson, Katherine A, 3/1, $360,000

34 Padanaram Rd Lot 107, Katoch, Vikas to Slip Kid LLC, 2/28, $167,500

35 Pembroke Rd, Pena, Calixto J to Redrovan, Angel F and Torres, Laura, 3/10, $435,000

37 Kenosia Ave, Moulton, Jason B to 39 Kenosia Avenue LLC, 3/2, $300,000

37 Rowan St, Antonio Venancio RET and Venancio, Gary to Minaudo, Joseph and Minaudo, Christina, 3/9, $460,000

42 Austin St, Noori, Aninullah to Caina, Marcos M, 3/1, $480,000

46 William St, Spain, Brendan T and Spain, Danielle R to CM Properties Group LLC, 3/3, $405,000

51 Park Ave Lot 25, Lopez, Russell T and Lopez, Christine L to Clasan Apartments LLC, 3/10, $159,000

52 Pembroke Rd, Add Demane LLC to 52 Pembroke Road LLC, 3/3, $320,000

55 Cross St Lot C6, Housatonic Town Of to Peterson, Eliza M, 3/7, $225,000

56 Warrington Round Lot 56, Geronimo, Shannon H to Corbin, Olivia and Corbin, Michael, 3/2, $480,000

56 Wooster Hts, Valeri Genevieve B Est and Valeri, Paul to Macnamara, Charles A and Macnamara, William D, 2/28, $360,000

69 Woodcrest Ln Lot 69, Scarfi, Frank P and Scarfi, Elli M to Koro, Philip and Shan, Peihua, 3/2, $456,000

73-79 Park Ave Lot 409, Barbara, Jardel S and Barbara, Marcia S to Jitkoski, Juarez, 3/10, $103,850

82 Tucker St Lot 82, Gaudelli, Marylyn and Gaudelli, William to Depalma, Timothy and Depalma, Lori, 3/2, $480,000

92 Miry Brook Rd, Radar Properties LLC to 92 Miry Brook LLC, 3/9, $925,000

136 Pembroke Rd Lot 9-79, Deep, Taryn C to Singh, Deoraj and Singh, Kavita, 3/8, $220,000

136 Pembroke Rd Lot 8-70, Rovegno, Judith L to Lasaro, Marcio O, 3/8, $245,000

204 S King St, Twin Hills LLC to Periera, Manuel A and Pereira, Maria F, 3/2, $556,250

618 Center Meadow Ln Lot 618, Sax, Jerome R to Oconnell, Maureen and Oconnell, Oliver, 2/28, $430,000

DARIEN

Country Club Rd, Keay, Hunter K and Keay, Christine A to Kilcourse, Corey J and Kilcourse, Megan, 3/2, $2,500,863

Edgehill Dr, Robbins, Thayer B and Robbins, Martha S to Miller, Anthony M, 3/1, $4,795,000

5 Miles Rd, Alfieri Enterprises LLC to Zhulin, Vasiliy and Zhulin, Genie, 3/9, $2,249,963

38 Dubois St, Metzler, Jakob and Metzler, Courtney F to Dixon, Lloyd and Dixon, Erin, 3/8, $1,900,000

260 West Ave, Alberga, Robert F to Sanders, Scott and Sanders, Samantha, 3/9, $1,175,000

DEEP RIVER

37 High St, Grayce Brooks Est to Savoca, Deborah and Stoutenburg, Roger, 3/7, $401,000

DERBY

6-8 Water St, Vanchot Giustina Est and Vanchot, Andre A to Espinoza, Leon A and Espinoza, Karen, 3/7, $260,000

25 Sunset Dr, Martin, Lisa F to Froilan, Jonathan A, 3/8, $256,702

27 E 9th St, 27 East 9th LLC to Stuart, Tina, 3/7, $355,000

73 Commodore Cmns Lot 73, Guarascio Lorna Est and Guarascio, Anthony R to Tavares, Jose, 3/8, $190,000

118-120 New Haven Ave, Demichael, Donald to Abdeksayed, Magdi, 3/9, $200,000

252 Shagbark Dr Lot 252, Rojee, Brian and Rojee, Maureen J to Vargas, Emmy, 3/8, $240,000

DURHAM

65 William Dr, Zerillo, Cynthia to Delvecchio 3rd, Stephen and Delvecchio 4th, Stephen, 3/11, $225,000

86 Camera Rd, Mclaughlin Jr, Paul T to Santini, Jennifer, 3/9, $300,000

102 Johnson Ln, Wysocki, Olive R to Marks, Jennifer L and Meznarich, Jesen S, 3/11, $452,500

EAST GRANBY

39 Brighton Dr, Carnelli Raymond J Sr Est and Shimkus Jr, Charles J to Hazard, Kyle and Hazard, Melissa, 3/8, $90,000

EAST HADDAM

5 Ridge Rd, Horrigan, Michael T and Horrigan, Jessica L to Mannix, Christopher E and Tavera, Desiree F, 3/8, $500,000

41 Hungerford Rd, Gowae, Keith to Andrews 3rd, John C and Carmichael, Cynthia J, 3/7, $290,000

125 Lake Shore Dr, Salemi, Lori A to Avery, David A and Avery, Michele R, 3/8, $300,000

EAST HAMPTON

Chapman Rd, Towne, Christine and Janke, Mark C to Zagurski, Steven, 3/9, $33,333

Chapman Rd, Richard S Strong RET and Strong, Richard S to Zagurski, Steven, 3/9, $66,667

7 Orchard View Ln, Czerwinski, Bernard D and Hydes, Dawn to Manfredi, Stacy A and Manfredi, Kelly L, 3/10, $505,000

81 N Main St, Karsten 1 LLC to 81 North Main LLC, 3/7, $980,000

EAST HARTFORD

8-10 Prospect St, Giannakopoulos, Evangelos and Giannakopoulos, Paraskevi to Diaz, Antonia and Mejia, Andres G, 3/10, $175,000

36 Olmsted St, Mccoy, Marjorie L to Kenton, Tamara and Thompson, Taheila, 3/9, $210,300

54 Hudson St, Laster Kenneth W Jr Est and Gale, John Q to Sirois, Stephanie J, 3/7, $140,000

55-57 Chapel St, TMD Acquisitions LLC to Riley, Amber, 3/11, $299,999

65 Landers Rd, Rodrigue, Thomas to Reddicks, John and Tariff, Wendy, 3/8, $239,900

100 Ridgewood Rd, Carter, William to Tagliaferro, Amelia and Tagliaferro, Michael, 3/9, $351,500

102 Mckee St, Taylor, Nicole to Prescod, Matthew A, 3/10, $168,000

126 Sandra Dr, Demar Delores L Est and Brancifort, John to Bolorin, Zoraida, 3/9, $205,000

132 Davis Rd, Evans Jr, Michael to Singh, Priya D and Singh, Rameshwar, 3/9, $238,000

EAST HAVEN

1 Birch Ln Lot E, Kortsep, Richard and Kortsep, Ronald to Lyon, Rebecca J, 3/7, $125,000

1 Newbury Ct Lot 50, Ral North Haven LLC to Konigbagbe, Adeyemi O and Konigbagbe, Oluwole O, 3/7, $439,280

4 Brookfield Rd, Paris, Kimberly to Brown, Kimberly and Cirillo 3rd, Joseph A, 3/8, $265,000

6 Sylvan Hills Rd, Wotapka, Charles and Wotapka, Erica to Monsalve, Jacqueline and Munoz, Cristian, 3/7, $290,000

31 Pennsylvania Ave, Perrelli, Michael F and Perrelli, Nicole to Cosentino, Laura, 3/11, $325,000

38 Tyler St, Rollier, Donna M to Sturwold, Nicole, 3/8, $230,000

55 Gay St Lot 2, Taga Properties LLC to Ogundipe, Dayo, 3/8, $220,000

60 1st Ave, Volpe, Marilyn P to Mauriello, Ralph, 3/11, $275,000

62 Hughes St, Scala, Louis E and Scala, Michelle F to Malave, Michelle and Borreno, Jose, 3/9, $237,000

63 Coleman St Lot 1, Mineo, Lea V to Brigante, Carlee and Delucia, Stephen, 3/9, $167,000

75 Redwood Dr Lot 307, Braun, Kevin F and Braun, Phyllis C to Keegan, Deborah, 3/11, $195,000

75 Redwood Dr Lot 108, Edgecomb, Taylor to Simuong, Stefania and Simuong, Dennis, 3/9, $190,000

82 View Ter, Thompson Jr, Paul R to Cruz, Joshua and Dangelo, Melissa, 3/7, $255,000

102 John St, Rosario, Jamie to Collado, Ruben A, 3/9, $142,113

125 Mulholland Way Lot 79, Ral North Haven LLC to Mundhada, Shantanu and Maheshwari, Kanu S, 3/7, $409,580

174 Crest Ave, Johnson, Marcie to Kacik, Natalie, 3/8, $295,000

449 Main St, 449 Main Street LLC to Bentzy 4 DE LLC, 3/11, $700,000

619 Bradley St, Vanacore, Catherine C to Gladding, Cheryl L and Gladding, Coit J, 3/10, $239,900

EAST LYME

1 S Cobblers Ct, Lyon, Mary L to Pope, Jason and Pope, Caroline, 3/7, $207,500

19 S Pine St, Basilick Ada Est and Swan, Deborah A to Davison, Kenneth R, 3/8, $260,000

22 Quailcrest Rd, Helpusell LLC to Hugues, Peter J and Haff, Chelsea L, 3/8, $305,000

97 W Main St Lot 85, Labreche, Robert J to Cucciarre, Michael and Cucciarre, Elissa, 3/11, $297,000

EAST WINDSOR

1 Aspen Dr, Couture, Jean to Superior Bldr Manchester, 3/7, $105,000

1 Aspen Dr, Superior Bldr to Schofer, Cliff and Schofer, Lori, 3/7, $581,317

14 Phelps Rd, Gagne, Arthur L and Gagne, Mildred P to Ross, Alexys and Young, Andrew, 3/7, $265,000

15 Prospect Hill Dr, All Seasn Contractor LLC to Batrna, Kathleen A, 3/9, $215,900

20 Pasco Dr Lot A, PD Benson Invs LLC to All CT Ins Brokers LLC, 3/8, $29,500

54 N Main St, Coile, Shirley M to E Windsor Scout Hall Bldg, 3/9, $145,000

144 Tromley Rd, Clark, Shirley L and Michael, Dahms J to Dahms, Joshua M, 3/10, $225,000

EASTFORD

John Perry Rd, Knowles, Linda L to Odum, Daniel and Odum, Wendy, 3/8, $110,000

104 John Perry Rd, Vasbinder, Daniel J and Vasbinder, Lauren C to Perez, David E, 3/8, $257,000

EASTON

37 Adirondack Trl, Adirondack Estates LLC to Garrett, Derrick and Garrett, Jessica, 3/7, $1,445,000

90 Marsh Rd, Deutsche Bank Natl T Co to Puchalski, Elzbieta, 3/7, $420,000

398 Judd Rd, Czesnowski, Michael and Czesnowski, Mary J to Baltz, Frederick and Baltz, Roberta, 3/8, $275,000

ELLINGTON

14 Pinney St Lot 39, Martocchio, Wendy to Freitas, Jennifer and Banks, Jasmine K, 3/10, $93,000

15 Stein Rd, Clark, George to Jones, Mark S and Aviss, Kathryn J, 3/8, $330,000

36 Brook Xing Ext, Brooks Crossing Dev LLC to Freitas, James and Freitas, Jennifer, 3/10, $110,000

354 Somers Rd, Bars, Michael A to Bars, Michael A, 3/7, $228,433

ENFIELD

3 Quaker Ln, Peter C Gallerani T and Gallerani, Brian J to Hesse, Delina R, 3/10, $315,000

8 Fair St, Williamson, Sarah and Williamson, Andrew to Shonak, Brie, 3/10, $230,000

8 Marshall Rd, Aguillon, Arturo to Witherell, Sherry, 3/7, $245,000

23 Post Rd, Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc to Rexhepi, Rilind, 3/7, $125,766

76 Park Ave, Anjum, Ayesha and Iqbal, Shakir to Tamang, Fura S, 3/9, $287,000

82 West St, CT Square LLC to MCJK LLC, 3/7, $260,000

86 The Laurels Lot 86, Glushchik, Vera and Spremulli, Andrew P to Collins, Matthew, 3/7, $268,000

1277 Enfield St, Cimino, Sandra A to Rallo, Elizabeth K, 3/8, $225,000

FAIRFIELD

North St, Gibbons, Anne T to Costanza, Robert W and Constanza, Melinda M, 3/10, $925,000

42 Buena Vista Rd, Lara Family RET and Lara, David J to Johnson, Aaron R and Johnson, Jenniger G, 3/7, $535,000

61 Windermere St, Lotstein, Heather K to Egami, Yasushi and Taylor, Erika, 3/9, $675,000

65 Forest Ave, Nibile, John R to Figueroa, Carter and Figueroa, Sara, 3/10, $665,000

77 Wakeman Rd, Donovan, Shawn L and Donovan, Ann M to Shepard, Andrew D and Shepard, Madeline, 3/7, $625,000

89 Shoreham Ter, Yorke, Mildred C and Yorke, Stephen D to MJM Real Estate LLC, 3/8, $455,000

116 Sherman St, 116 Sherman LLC to MTM Sherman St LLC, 3/10, $1,050,000

137 Lisbon Dr, Musano, Dina to Morrow, Richard, 3/10, $670,000

150 Lovers Ln, Pulizzi, James S and Pulizzi, Ann E to Roney, Colleen and Flanagan, Richard, 3/11, $795,000

154 Berwick Ave, Molina, Julian and Castillo-Angarita, C to Atiles, Jasmine and Romero, Antonio, 3/11, $425,000

242 Hulls Hwy, Martinez, Daniel M and Wolf, Tamare R to Jackson, Peter M and Jackson, Molly, 3/10, $803,000

265 Autumn Ridge Rd, Christine Markley RET and Markley, Christine to Corvino-Rosa, Rosanna and Rosa, Christopher D, 3/7, $739,000

388 Birch Rd, Bella Homes CT LLC to Wilson, Michelle D, 3/8, $2,899,000

503 Reef Rd, Oconnell, Patrick J to Salerno Realty LLC, 3/10, $634,000

526 Wilson St, German, Matthew C and Carroll, Richard to Lines, Peter A and Lines, Katherine, 3/7, $545,000

531 Tunxis Hill Rd, Lucio Valente LLC to 100CDA207 LLC, 3/10, $485,000

990 S Pine Creek Rd Lot 990, Simmonds, Geoffrey R to Terry, James L and Terry, Mara P, 3/7, $957,000

1663 Melville Ave, Scalise, Emily A to Oreilly, Kristin, 3/11, $640,000

1983 Kings Hwy, Greenwald, Helen M to Bepko 3rd, Thomas J, 3/7, $380,000

3250 North St, Gorelick, Glen to Scalise, Emily A, 3/11, $250,000

FARMINGTON

4 Tanglewood Rd, Lloyd Caroline C Est and Mccarthy, Jennifer R to Miller, Donna M, 3/10, $310,000

22 Farm Dr Lot 22, Capuzzi, Mario to Kruse, Keith G and Kantor, Angelika A, 3/7, $261,700

32 Harold Rd, Mangiafico, Sarah M to Balasubramaniam, Indumathi and Krishnamoorthy, M, 3/10, $550,000

35 Maple Ridge Dr, Martel, Bruce to Maramot, Michelangelo, 3/8, $290,000

47 Lexton Dr, Kolp, Carol A to Toepfer, Virginia E and Toepfer, Jean E, 3/10, $375,000

93 Lido Rd, Hallenbeck, Brittany and Hallenbeck, Kyle to Fowkes, Karen, 3/7, $377,000

GLASTONBURY

13 Fairfield Ln Lot 13, Schcher Maureen V Est and Schecher, Michael to Staron Jr, Thomas S and Staron, Barbara J, 3/11, $420,000

27-29 Medford St, Cascio, Joseph F to Nabil, Amer, 3/9, $395,000

31 Brewster Rd Lot C, Edmonds, Maureen to Desai, Parth and Desai, Roma, 3/10, $140,000

45 Deerfield Dr, Martin Joseph E Est and Spaulding, Constance to Stanley, Katie, 3/11, $340,000

52 National Dr, 52 National Drive LLC to Vecchiarino, Claudio, 3/11, $800,000

59 Kongscut Valley Trl, Kongscut Valley LLC to Akosa, Stella and Akosa, Emmanuel A, 3/8, $753,500

85 Copley Rd Lot 85, Toller, Robert and Toller, Patricia to Tabachnick, Benjamin, 3/7, $325,000

300 Forest Ln, Belden, Patricia to Martin, Gregory P and Martin, Mary A, 3/8, $540,000

398 Woodland St, Talbot, Jason N and Talbot, Kerrie to Ruiz-Hurtarte, Juan M, 3/8, $740,000

GOSHEN

Rockwall Ct, Cormier, Denise L to Moore, Diana O and Moore, Jonathan, 3/11, $45,000

38 Deer Run Ln, Citimortgage Inc to Land, Rebecca, 3/8, $485,000

116 Hillhouse Rd, Vaccarelli Anne P Est and Purinton Jr, John H to Torre, Richard and Torre, Clio C, 3/9, $392,500

176 School Hill Rd, Baldino, Christopher and Baldino, Stephanie to Pieksza, Lisa M and Pieksza, Michael, 3/7, $142,000

GRANBY

8 Farmview Ln, Edwards Jr, Spurlin to Hannon, Bryan, 3/11, $378,500

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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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ier, Carol A, 3/8, $175,000

65 Karen Dr, Werner, Katelyn C to Cramer, Sara and Cramer, Jennifer, 3/7, $206,000

80 Middle Tpke W, Daigle, Gilles J and Daigle, Carolann to Stratton-Alston, Jordan T, 3/9, $174,000

129 Bayberry Rd, Bayberry Developers LLC to Geary, Matthew A and Geary, Lisa A, 3/9, $85,000

174 Cooper St, Phelon, Peter M to Mrosek, Joel D, 3/8, $215,000

196 Oak St, Ciotti, Nicholas to Ocallahan, Danielle M, 3/7, $210,000

599 Main St Lot 4, Gscaye Realty LLC to Pristine Realty LLC, 3/7, $125,000

MANSFIELD

N/A, Jones, Geraldine K to Jang, Shinae, 3/8, $274,900

8 Eastbrook Hts Lot A, Karapata Steven Est and Barstow, Dennis to Sloan, Katherine M, 2/24, $153,000

33 Pine Woods Ln, Dionne, Irene M to Gergler, Caitlin L, 2/28, $235,000

53 Codfish Falls Rd, Luc 4E LLC to Tang, Jieqing, 3/4, $335,000

146 S Eagleville Rd, Kriedel, James F to 146 S Eagleville LLC, 3/3, $260,000

164 Stafford Rd, Highland Ridge Golf Range to Earth Dynamics LLC, 3/11, $150,000

328 Woodland Rd, Tanaka, John E to Lopez, Patrick and Lopez, Sonia, 3/7, $275,000

416 Chaffeeville Rd, Mardon, Lynn S to Rudder, Christopher S, 3/1, $296,750

MARLBOROUGH

16 Fuller Rd, Bogue, Samuel E to Martin, Larhonda M, 3/10, $218,385

32 Laurel Ln, Prevatt, Ronald W and Prevatt, Sharon M to Rybakov, Boris and Xu, Yue Y, 3/11, $555,000

MERIDEN

N/A, Anderson, Nicole to Anderson, Christopher R, 3/9, $124,500

4 Maloney Ave, SLL Properties LLC to Joseph, Lucas, 3/10, $168,000

9 Summit St, Pagan, Gamalier to Riello, Ralph and Riello, Donna, 3/7, $275,000

12 Willis Ave, Perez, Jose and Marquez, Ashley M to Reyes, Jennifer, 3/11, $254,900

16 Atkins St, Devince, Frank and Devince, Diane Z to 16 Atkins Street LLC, 3/9, $629,000

17 N Spring St, Zachhia, Giovanni and Zacchia, Vincenza P to 17 North Spring St Hldg, 3/8, $190,000

17 N Spring St, Zacchia, Vincenza P to 19 North Spring St Hldg, 3/8, $200,000

24 Washington Ave, Stocking, Dennis W to Gagne, Steven R and Ellswick, Denise, 3/7, $170,000

25 Twiss St, Liljedahl, Peter C and Liljedahl, Patricia A to Perch Rock Management LLC, 3/8, $110,000

30 Ann Pl, Yang, Gong Z to RJF Acquisitions LLC, 3/10, $160,000

38 Marina Ct, Williams, Tymeek R to Alo, Selman, 3/9, $575,000

40 Smithfield Ave, Majewicz, Paul R to Walton, Erin M, 3/11, $300,000

44 Eddy Ave, Cox Property Management to 44 Eddy Avenue LLC, 3/11, $799,000

47 Lincoln St, Angels Nest LLC to 47 Lincoln St Meriden LLC, 3/9, $310,000

54 Meetinghouse Vlg Lot 2, Smiarowski, Adam to Skakeria-Thompson, C, 3/7, $150,000

58 Woodley Ct Lot 5, Rice, Chanel to Perez, Jose, 3/9, $113,000

111 Brooklawn Dr, USA HUD to Theroux, Mark, 3/11, $175,000

111 Stevenson Rd, Vogt, Robert C and Kokoszka, Stephanie L to Logan, Aaron, 3/11, $325,000

115 New Hanover Ave, Supreme Asset Mgmt LLC to 115 New Hanover Ave LLC, 3/9, $290,000

206 Gale Ave, JPMG Properties LLC to Villanueva, Jessica, 3/7, $244,322

294 Knob Hill Rd, Styra Frank A Est and Styra, Mark A to Stewart, Martin, 3/11, $240,000

437 Blackstone Vlg Lot 437, Sid LLC to Miller, Hope M, 3/7, $87,500

528 E Main St, Cassin, Ronald to Busigo, Hector, 3/10, $300,000

548 Thorpe Ave, Bell, Kenneth A and Bell, Marlene N to Unknown, 3/9, $30,000

687 Main St, Coady, Robert to Samba, Alloune, 3/10, $285,000

MIDDLETOWN

Maromas Rd, Middlesex Land T Inc to USA, 3/10, $94,000

Westfield St, 2019 Chanel LLC to Coelho, Jose, 3/9, $30,000

29 Reno Dr, Zheng, Wen Q to Lin, Xiao Q and Lin, Yun, 3/7, $380,000

32 Autumn Ln Lot 32, E G&J C Senesac T and Senesac, Edmund G to Libby, Veronica, 3/10, $325,000

33 Saybrook Rd, Libera, Linda J to 33 Saybrook Road LLC, 3/11, $470,000

46 Braeburn Ln, Texidor, Carlos J to Glory Homes LLC, 3/11, $125,000

253 Carriage Crossing Ln Lot 253, Emmanuel, John A to Cogliano, Mia, 3/10, $135,000

260 Burgundy Hill Ln Lot 260, Botonjic-Sehic, Edita and Sehic, Almir to Mendez, Luis A, 3/11, $83,000

272 Cross St, Simone Development LLC to Ruffo, Anthony P and Ruffo, Nicole M, 3/10, $430,000

307 Ballfall Rd, Skwirz, Jean A to Birdsall, Jeffrey A and Cushman-Johnson, Truly K, 3/7, $270,000

604 Cambridge Cmns Lot 604, Loredan, Marie M to Bennerup, Pierre and Bennerup, Cheryl, 3/10, $200,000

MILFORD

Burwell St, Dannenhoffer Assoc Inc to Ssmilford LLC, 3/7, $750,000

7 Audubon Close Lot 7, Mack, Judith A to Dibartolomeo, Julia, 3/10, $370,000

8 Devonshire Rd, Smoly, Michele L and Gojani, Ferdinand to Smith FT and Smith, John F, 3/9, $450,000

8 Willem Ct Lot 11, Andrew Piekarski T and Piekarski, Andrew to Bartlett, Michael A and Ramos, Vanessa L, 3/10, $225,000

9 Kerry Ct, Sheridan, Siobhan and Sheridan, Ryan to Cansoy, Mehmet S and Meek, Melissa L, 3/7, $647,500

14 Pauline St, Jaser, John M to Foley, Thomas M and Morse, Susan E, 3/7, $425,000

15 Hollywood Ave, Stavola, John A to Nguyen, Bau N and Nguyen, Kim L, 3/7, $350,000

16 Norwood Ave, Demarest Drive LLC to Perrier, Elena and Perrier, Brian, 3/8, $815,000

20 Elder St Lot 20, Raccuia, Lindsey F and Fantarella, Lindsey P to Torelli, Francesco and Mulligan, Leigh, 3/10, $290,000

32 Snug Harbor Rd, Rivela, Darbie L and Rivela, Matthew A to Franco, Andrea, 3/10, $1,030,000

33 Oldroyd St, Xavier-Dowski, Maria to Xavier, Agnaldo, 3/10, $230,000

50 Holbrook St, Hernandez, Felix to Lacey, Ryan P, 3/8, $360,000

50 Park Ave, Buening, Judith to Macre Jr, Thomas, 3/8, $35,000

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55 Robert Dennis Dr, Rozee, Rokhshana R to Dominguez, Thomas and Velez, Arlene, 3/7, $500,000

81 Andrews Ave, Benavides, Scott A and Allmendinger, Nikki to Mcgeehan, David E and Mcgeehan, Beverly E, 3/10, $300,000

83 E Broadway Lot B, Beck Kevin Est and Beck, William to Palevo, Andrea and Palevo, Philip, 3/10, $249,500

83 Edgefield Ave, Dannenhoffer Assoc Inc to Ssmilford LLC, 3/7, $750,000

86 Raton Rd, Cirque Development LLC to 86 Raton LLC, 3/9, $1,850,000

102 Terrell Dr, Nassef, Lawrence J and Nassef, Joan L to Timoneri, Gianni and Timoneri, Francesca, 3/10, $585,000

150 Forest Rd Lot 3, Buchla, Helen and Huston, Janice to Lash Jr, James W and Lash, Annette M, 3/4, $225,000

181 Melba St Lot 114, Dammassa, Francis D to Giesman, Laura K and Giesman, Lawrence, 3/10, $235,000

185 Melba St Lot 210, Dalton, Marielle A to Carroll, Thomas N, 3/9, $252,000

308 Old Point Rd, Sharpe, Martha to Swift, Andretta R, 3/10, $243,000

MONROE

50 Forest Rd, Sample, Robert to Bento, Ana M, 3/9, $408,000

57 Senior Dr Lot 57, Esposito Angelo J Est and Exner, Kristan to Clark, Karin M, 3/7, $120,000

211 Guinea Rd, Telesco 3rd, Samuel to Wilson, Jason M and Sape, Nydia, 3/9, $470,000

MONTVILLE

11 Dell Dr, Thomas, Kenneth J and Thomas, Elizabeth C to Sanchez, Uriel E, 3/10, $330,000

20 Walnut Dr, Bonanno, Nichole A to Gregory, Kimberly C and Mcgee, Timothy P, 3/7, $265,000

MORRIS

283 Watertown Rd, Kosak, Cote to Lane, Kristie B and Lane, Gerrick D, 3/9, $349,900

NAUGATUCK

46 Old Farm Ln, Old Farm Estates LLC to Gardner, Kyle and Gardner, Charlotte, 3/10, $435,900

51 Brook St Lot 4B, Grant, Kelly to Bachman, Erich S, 3/11, $140,008

52 Ridge Rd Lot 5, Colavito, Rocco to Depaula, Alan, 3/7, $130,000

784 Prospect St, Garfield, Nancy and Garfield, Peter to Alvarez, Jose A and Rivera, Sandra M, 3/10, $25,000

NEW BRITAIN

Ash St, Hooks, Jernigan M and Hooks, Martila J to Gonzalez, Mark B, 3/3, $254,000

Hampton St, Dabkowski, Dylan to Dabkowski, Todd, 3/3, $35,000

Lincoln Park Homes, Ortega, Deborah to Vargas, Norberto, 3/4, $160,000

Pierremount Ave, Zotter, Jannet I to Flores, Alexis W, 3/3, $132,000

25 Hamilton St, Zygnerski, Marianna to 25 Hamilton LLC, 3/2, $341,000

29 Jackson St, CT Assets 2 LLC to Mcdonald, Brady, 3/7, $249,900

30 Austin St, Pinault, David H and Therieault, Joyce R to Barros, Justin, 3/7, $360,000

35 Jackson St, CT Assets 2 LLC to Mcdonald, Brady, 3/7, $249,900

41 Madison St, Vasallo, Ana to Ortega, Zulma and Vargas, Hector, 3/9, $242,000

41 Ridgewood St, Kulak, Henryk to Cheng, Megan Z, 3/8, $415,000

47 S Burritt St, 47 South Burritt St LLC to Serrano, Milton and Chogllo, Ruth, 3/9, $120,000

70 Grove Hill St Lot 2M, Michaud, Jeannot G to Fazzino, Michael, 3/8, $40,000

80 Westover Rd, Rio, Lisa D and Rio, Irene D to Salazar, Catalina, 3/8, $212,500

115 Roosevelt St, Stawiarski, Diane to Hidalgo, Xiomara E, 3/8, $330,000

126 Biruta St Lot C2, Krystian, Alina to Czeropska, Lucyna and Czeropski, Jozef, 3/4, $85,000

150-D Clinic Dr Lot 402, Amaravathi LLC to Licenji, Fiqiri, 3/3, $77,500

242 Main St, Tralbani LLC to Gonzalez, Carlos and Gonzalez, Kimberly, 3/2, $50,000

264 Slater Rd, Sampath, Sathish and Nithyanandam, Gowthami B to Agron, Julio A, 3/8, $370,000

268 Lawlor St Lot 7, Riedinger, Dale A to Salvador, Marcelo, 3/8, $150,000

361 Burritt St, Tran, Amy to Rishar, Scott, 3/9, $285,500

405 Francis St, Wiebe, Arlinda and Wiebe, Ryan D to Villafane-Negron, Leonardo, 3/9, $240,000

454 Eddy Glover Blvd, Ogibowski, Zbigniew and Ogibowski, Genowefa to Salcedo, Luis A and Gutierrez, Basilla Q, 3/8, $305,000

587 Arch St, Esmail, Donald S to Nivla Ken Investments, 3/3, $89,900

650 Arch St, Chrzanowski Real Prop Hld and Chrazanowski, Jozef to Aryal Properties LLC, 3/9, $240,000

NEW CANAAN

36 Spring Water Ln, Donald Stadler T and Stadler, Marie to Crisafulli, Robert and Crisafulli, Patricia, 2/24, $670,000

36 Spring Water Ln, Stadler, Marie to Crisafulli, Robert and Crisafllu, Patricia, 2/24, $670,000

164 Summer St Lot A, Dobbs, Patricia to Eisenberg, Rachel, 2/28, $575,000

184 Marving Ridge Rd, Stergiopoulos, George and Stergiopoulos, Angela to Eisner, Marissa and Eisner, Samuel, 2/28, $2,400,000

248 Spring Water Ln, Hazlin, John and Hazlin, Birgit to Koncz, Timea and Zsigmond, Henrik, 2/25, $2,100,000

571 Cheese Spring Rd, Jason&M Woerz LT and Woerz, Jason to Donofrio, Francesca and Donofrio, Ernesto, 2/25, $1,240,000

772 N Wilton Rd, Sanseverino, Thomas to Alvarez, Carlos, 3/1, $600,000

NEW FAIRFIELD

3 Ore Hill Rd, Sciliano, Andrew to Puff, Lisa, 3/8, $350,000

24 Hilldale Rd, Siwell Inc to Terban, Jennifer, 3/7, $219,000

NEW HAVEN

N/A, Landi, Nicole to Mitton FT, 3/11, $325,000

1 Front St Lot 201, Pepin, Karl to Macaluso, Christopher, 3/11, $128,000

2 Ridge St, Byrne, Robert G to Bernstein, Brenda, 3/9, $243,750

23 Brown St, Southport Secured Lending to Netz C LLC, 3/11, $1,885,000

24 Oak Ridge Dr Lot 10, Vivas, Marcos to Seguinot 3rd, Jose, 3/10, $60,000

24 West St, Tan, Song and Li, Suzhen to Diaz, Otoniel, 3/8, $269,900

28 Judith Ter, Mele, Robert F and Mele, Robert A to Bentzy 4 DE LLC, 3/7, $395,000

39 Rock Hill Rd, Madarriaga, Angelica to Cabrera, Javier M, 3/8, $285,000

45 Donna Dr Lot A3, Barberino, Blake to Amendola, Candace, 3/11, $59,990

60 Donna Dr Lot A8, Barberino, Blake to Amendola, Candace, 3/11, $59,990

60 Englewood Dr, Deutsche Bank Natl T Co to Brutsche, Veronica O, 3/7, $185,000

63 Fountain St Lot C, Margolis, Jason I to Blackwell, Lonnie, 3/11, $125,800

85 Avon St, Peniston, Nancy L to 969 Elm LLC, 3/9, $440,000

106 Valley St, Charles, Curtis to Agudelo, Laura and Martinez-Arriaga, Edward R, 3/11, $320,000

120 Wooster St Lot W, Bridges, Hillary R to Derrico, Maricela, 3/7, $145,100

126 Westwood Rd, Miranski-Gelband, Genya to 969 Elm LLC, 3/11, $280,000

135 Main St, Ciarleglio Vincent Est and Allison, Steven M to Rosewood Home Builders, 3/11, $97,000

155 Truman St, Ella Grasso Realty LLC to MBM Realty LLC, 3/9, $300,000

185 Winthrop Ave, Pyrtej, Bogdan to 185 Winthrop LLC, 3/7, $325,000

196 Crown St Lot 307, Geha, Marla C to Palsa, James P, 3/11, $140,000

219 Alston Ave, Yashenko, Patricia K to Smith, Ariel J and Santillana, Guillermo, 3/9, $374,900

247 Forbes Ave, A&B Real Estate LLC to Forbes Auto Sales&Repair, 3/8, $500,000

249 Forbes Ave, A&B Real Estate LLC to Forbes Auto Sales&Repair, 3/8, $500,000

255 Barnes Ave Lot 255, Hilton, Camille to Aria Property Advisors, 3/8, $50,000

316 Grand Ave, Chadha, Paul to Mahdi, Moshin H, 3/10, $400,000

318 Grand Ave, Chadha, Paul to Mahdi, Moshin H, 3/10, $400,000

320 Grand Ave, Chadha, Paul to Mahdi, Moshin H, 3/10, $400,000

325 Saint John St, Southport Secured Lending to Netz C LLC, 3/11, $1,885,000

348 Blatchley Ave, Wells Fargo Bank NA Tr to Sahin, Matt, 3/11, $81,000

474 Whalley Ave, Whalley Avenue LLC to 474 Yaameen LLC, 3/10, $425,000

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928 Townsend Ave, Simeone, Anna to Scarano, Francesco, 3/11, $292,500

1266 Townsend Ave, Stanio, Thomas J and Stanio, Robin A to Bautista, Wilson, 3/10, $325,000

1270 Townsend Ave, Dangelo, Robert to Wilsons Rental Properties, 3/8, $170,000

1340 Dean St, Fernandez, Elenita and Fernandez, Rafael to Rivera, Frances, 3/10, $340,000

1462 Ella T Grasso Blvd, Whalley Avenue LLC to 474 Yaameen LLC, 3/10, $425,000

NEW LONDON

30 Bayshore Dr, Stroneski Dorothy E Est and Herbert, Theresa L to Oakmont Properties LLC, 3/9, $264,888

39 Montauk Ave, A Beautiful RE LLC to Sound Cmnty Services Inc, 3/10, $292,000

133 Norwood Ave, Pelletier, Shirley to Semira, Antoniette O and Semira, Sherwin, 3/8, $245,000

740 Ocean Ave, Carolyn J Hayes FT and Wa T Co Tr to Goodstone, Aaron C, 3/11, $386,700

NEW MILFORD

Canterbury Arms Condo Lot 28, Rojas, David to Sapatanga, Leonardo E and Sapatanga, Maria E, 3/9, $160,000

9 Country Farm Ln, Tremont Sr, William B and Tremont, Carol A to Agyeman, Shantel H and Owusu, Selina, 3/9, $409,000

12 E Bucks Rock Rd, Gustafson Dorothy Est and Gustafson Jr, Richard E to Vasaturo, Michael J, 3/9, $199,000

18 Birch Ln, Meilman, Richard and Meilman, Regina M to Robert R Elliott T and Elliott, Robert R, 3/9, $825,000

28 Sherwood Dr, Cipot, Jodi S to Lee, Richard, 3/9, $350,000

29 Twin Oaks Lot 29, Perrault, Lynn to Amaral, Armando J and Goodbou, Rhonda J, 3/9, $280,000

42 Gaylord Rd, Stefanatos, Panagiotis to Esner, Walker and Morse, Jenny, 3/11, $485,000

60 Little Bear Hill Rd, Paredes, Jose to Fredankey, Tracia, 3/4, $390,000

77 Glen Ridge Ct Lot 77, Paproski, Samuel to Gibb, Tracey, 3/10, $186,500

154 Willow Spgs Lot 154, Souza, Frederico to Ribeiro, Anderson, 3/4, $205,000

183 Aspetuck Ridge Rd, Wendt, David P and Wendt, Pamela to Carlson, Dennis, 3/10, $220,000

315 Willow Spgs Lot 315, Bell, Sandra K and Mcsherry, Jennifer to Syan, Gurdeep and Syan, Sukhwinder, 3/4, $214,000

NEWINGTON

3 Richard St, Michel, Gerald and Michel, Marie A to Alba Apt LLC, 3/4, $133,500

48 Shady Hill Ln, Armandi, Florio and Armandi, Mariana to Khan, Mohammad R and Rafi, Khan M, 3/8, $468,000

73 Stuart St, Barr, Francis D and Barr, Jessica K to Iverson, Marissa and Iverson, Zachariah, 3/7, $330,000

80 Sunrise Cir Lot 80, Mcmahon, Sean P and Mcmahon, Nancy L to King, Kelly, 3/7, $185,000

87 Coles Ave, Sandhu, Mohan S to Zehera, Reda and Bano, Shereen, 3/10, $445,000

115 Camp Ave, Culver, Jillian to Aldridge, Robert, 3/7, $225,000

169 Moylan Ct Lot 169, Thorpe, Miranda M and Thorpe, Kingsley K to Howard, Henry, 3/8, $117,300

230 Sterling Dr Lot 230, Tarzia, Dayna R to Buonauito, William D and Lawton-Buonauito, Nancy J, 3/8, $375,000

251 Cottonwood Rd Lot 251, Saccavino, Charles and Saccavino, Naomi to Rocky Hill LLC, 3/9, $186,500

1095 Willard Ave, Baranski, Michael S and Baranski, Joanne E to Lea, Garrett and Lea, Allison, 3/4, $230,000

1211 Willard Ave, Kenneson, Phillip A and Kenneson, Shelly A to Richard, Mary S, 3/9, $290,000

NEWTOWN

Walnut Tree Vlg, White, Maureen B and Ferguson, Kathleen to Ross, Elizabeth, 3/8, $240,000

2 Ardi Ct Lot 2, Desantis, Karen L to Lada IRT, 3/9, $302,000

16 Holly Ln, Holly Estates Dev LLC to Phillips, Cindy and Phillips, Craig S, 3/8, $860,000

16 Sunnyview Ter, Rodriguez, Miguel A to 16 Sunnyview LLC, 3/7, $320,000

21 Enclave Cir Lot 21, Toll Northeast 5 Corp to Kitay, Martin and Kitay, Gail, 3/7, $721,263

42 Cobblers Mill Rd, Lograsso, Michael A and Lograsso, Denise M to Spangler, David M and Spangler, Judith E, 3/10, $790,000

NORFOLK

Lovers Ln, Lundebjerg, Susan to Hubbard, Patricia G and Hubbard, David N, 3/7, $360,000

NORTH BRANFORD

30 Skylark Dr, Vann, Kevin M and Vann, Janice M to Mickelson, Timothy and Mickelson, Shannon, 3/8, $328,000

NORTH CANAAN

8 Browns Ln, 2KS LLC and Sleeper, Keith to Iantorno, Kari and Litchman, Jesse, 3/9, $379,000

NORTH HAVEN

1 Newbury Ct Lot 1, Ral North Haven LLC to Konigbagbe, Adeyemi O and Oluyemi-Konigbagbe, O O, 3/7, $439,280

43 Clintonville Rd, Auriemma, Maria to Bonet, Jake, 3/8, $335,000

55 Montowese Ave, Proto, Carla A to Maiorino, Craig T and Motley, Hailey L, 3/11, $252,600

108 Bassett Rd, Giordano, Angelo to Paris, Kimberly J, 3/11, $425,000

110 Pool Rd, Modine Mark L Est and Modine, Michael J to Vu, Lynu and Tzovolos, Gregory, 3/8, $341,000

125 Mulholland Way Lot 125, Ral North Haven LLC to Mundhada, Shantanu and Maheshwari, Shree, 3/7, $409,580

NORWALK

Colony St, Lefkowitz, Lawrence A and Lefkowitz, H Sandra to 1 Colony Place LLC, 2/28, $615,000

Pine Point Rd Lot 227, Critelli, Michael J and Critelli, Joyce M to Skinner, Keith and Skinner, Alicja, 2/24, $120,000

Rowayton Woods Dr Lot 28, Black, Eric to Looney, Patricia, 2/25, $35,000

7 Sable St, Santander Bank NA to Goktekin, Seray, 2/25, $305,500

15 Pine Point Rd Lot 327, Sace Ltd to Cornell, Caitlin and Mckeon, Colin, 2/23, $120,000

22 Lufberry Ln, Camerota, Rita to Jean-Pierre, Cynthia, 2/23, $499,000

50 Aiken St Lot 241, Croce, Alexandra E and Codella, James T to Carana LLC, 2/25, $290,200

208 Flax Hill Rd Lot 37, Lombardi, Anne to Davis, Tylor M, 2/23, $220,000

815 Foxboro Dr Lot 815, Auwarter T and Auwarter, Ann N to Oben, Valerie J, 2/24, $425,000

NORWICH

5 Corning Rd, A Carusone Properties LLC to Thompson, Chris L, 3/8, $110,000

11 Hickory St, Anshel, Fania to Young, Collin, 3/11, $128,650

19 Cherry Hill Rd, Swatzburg, Edith L to Obrien, Hannah and Obrien, Keegan, 3/11, $237,500

20 Hedge Ave, Baker, Shaun to Sawyer, Justin, 3/10, $180,000

29 Stony Ridge Rd, Sullivan, James E and Sullivan, Richard M to Roohi, Nazma, 3/10, $355,700

37 E Town St, Brault, Chad to Pendergrass, Jake, 3/8, $312,000

57 Division St, Amado, Roberto to Duclos, Andrew, 3/7, $250,000

115 Platt Ave, Melice, Joseph and Melice, Marie L to Delgado, Erick, 3/9, $215,000

137 Sheraton Ln Lot 137, Dansereau, Jeannine to Bergman, Glenn A, 3/10, $170,000

243 Vergason Ave Ext, Vergason Essex T LLC to 243 Warehouse LLC, 3/11, $2,800,000

258 Hamilton Condo Lot 1, Mack, Johnell and Mack, Karen M to Donley, Micah and Plantter, Courtney, 3/7, $180,000

701-715 Boswell Ave, Skindzier, Paul to Salcedo, Dante, 3/11, $75,000

701-715 Boswell Ave, Skindzier Sonia A Est and Skindzier, Paul J to Salcedo, Dante, 3/11, $75,000

OLD LYME

8 Sandalwood Ln, Zaino, Berardino and Zaino, Giovanna to Delea, Garry and Delea, Jill, 3/7, $200,000

15 Cottage Rd, Silver, Paul E to Pare, Marc R and Pare, Jaclyn B, 3/8, $910,000

OLD SAYBROOK

4 Aqua Terra Ln, Mckiernan, Pamela and Sullivan, Penny to Almeida, Kandice, 3/7, $300,000

4 Seabreeze Rd, Timbro, Joseph S to LKZ Properties LLC, 3/7, $370,000

5 Otter Cove Dr, Dyson, David R to Bowman, Geraldine and Scata, Gregory, 3/9, $570,000

14 Dibble Rd, Kinsella, Linda W to Ranelli, Gian Matthew and Ranelli, Kendra M, 3/7, $350,000

96 Elm St, Dunn, Anna L to Foulkes, Alex and Foulkes, Stephanie, 3/8, $370,000

1745 Boston Post Rd, James, Lynn C to Sigersmith Property Svc and Sarette Builders LLC, 3/7, $110,000

ORANGE

5 Laviola Ln, J&A Development LLC to Dang, Tin Q, 3/10, $721,212

461 Dogwood Rd, Zanjani, Aleksander A and Zanjani, Kristin A to Posligua-Garcia, Merlyn G and Delcado-Cano, Manuel S, 3/8, $390,000

OXFORD

16 Chauncey Dr, Barreira, Alex V and Barreira, Kristen M to Suarez, Michael J and Suarez, Sarah C, 3/9, $699,900

16 Park Rd, Washicosky Michael G Est and Washicosky, Barbara to Traggianese, Matthew, 3/10, $305,000

18 Somers Ln, Lawlor, Joseph E to Perez, Brianne E and Leach, Justin C, 3/7, $387,500

44 Oakwood Dr, Doebrick, James A and Doebrick, Leigh A to Konicki, Hannah and Fuller, Samuel, 3/7, $420,000

174 Chestnut Tree Hill Rd, Musante, Michael and Musante, Murphy to Chervansky, Joseph S and Chervansky, Megan L, 3/11, $397,000

178 Christian St, Oxford Science Park LLC to Cab Properties LLC, 3/7, $900,000

PLAINFIELD

1 Grace Ln Lot 1, Moosup River Estates LLC to Cerasole Jr, Joseph J and Cerasole, Diannah W, 3/7, $389,071

22 S Cady Ln, Racine, Lori A to Page, Adam M, 3/8, $333,000

28 Main St, Dawley Collelo Dev LLC to Elvis Real Estate Hldg, 3/8, $340,000

32 Union St, Cimini, Sarah to Lawrence, Kathryn and Plaziak, Corey, 3/8, $244,000

PLAINVILLE

7 Bicycle St, Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc to Jachim, Robert, 3/11, $155,000

10 W Pine Way Lot C2, Lyons, Michele to RGK Properties LLC, 3/7, $142,000

15 Dewey Pl, Cone, Donna M to Wypasek, Arkadiusz S, 3/9, $240,000

190 Tomlinson Ave Lot 9C, Vallera, Lisa to Koszykowska, Olga, 3/7, $191,600

PLYMOUTH

14 Main St, Beup Leonardo P Est and Beup, Neil W to Kesten, Jeffrey and Witik, Jordan, 3/9, $155,000

106 Lake Plymouth Blvd, Dubois, Donna to Monaghan, Michael and Monaghan, Courtney, 3/9, $349,000

129 Fall Mountain Lake Rd, Deborah R&J Kubik RET and Kubik, Deborah R to Colangelo, Joseph M, 3/9, $194,900

PORTLAND

143 Marlborough St, Portland Odd Fellows to 143 Marlborough St LLC, 3/7, $150,000

PRESTON

403 Route 2, Allyn, Clifford E and Allyn, Mary A to Pure Property Cure LLC, 3/8, $185,000

PROSPECT

Straitsville Rd, Mcdonald 3rd, Joseph to Argraves, Anthony, 3/11, $370,000

27 Peach Orchard Rd, Richard Properties LLC to Snyder, Stephani, 3/10, $280,000

67 Plank Rd, Poggio, Lorraine A to Jenkins, Seathan and Szeligowski, Jonathan, 3/7, $133,579

111 Summit Rd, Marie A Gentile T and Corbett, Antonia M to Bruno, Gabriella and Holden, Kurt, 3/7, $420,000

PUTNAM

3 Dufault St, Smith Ronald D Est and Smith, Cameron D to Measmer, Jarred, 3/7, $280,000

29 Prospect St Lot A, Olson, George and Olson, Abby to Meadow View LLC, 3/10, $152,000

29 Prospect St Lot B, Olson, George and Olson, Abby to Meadow View LLC, 3/10, $152,000

41 Addison St, Magalhaes, Antonio B to Tapozada, Laurie, 3/11, $321,000

REDDING

5 Topledge Rd, Kenefic, Patricia to Smith, Jeffrey and Cottell, Kathryn, 3/7, $605,000

RIDGEFIELD

1 Frog Holw Lot 1, Berry, Heather P and Petersen, John to Clark, Jody and Clark, Scott, 3/7, $220,500

1 Oscaleta Rd, Andrew E Kudera T and Kudera, Andrew E to Woolston, Bryan and Nowitzki, Kristina, 3/8, $1,290,000

2 Dawn Ln, Michael J Miller T and Miller, Michael J to Johnson, Peter and Johnson, Brenda, 3/9, $795,000

8 Lafayette Ave, Coulter, Julie A to Kuntz, Kevin M, 3/7, $410,000

11 Highview Dr, Short, Robert J and Short, Ruthann N to Sharma, Sanjeev and Sharma, Pooja, 3/11, $745,000

41 Mulberry St, Beebe, John D and Beebe, Elizabeth to Russo, Amy and Perler, Evan, 3/11, $785,000

50 Bobbys Ct, Mindich, Dylan M and Mindich, Heather C to Cohn, Andrew T and Tierney, Jennifer, 3/10, $855,000

70 Lee Rd, Yagnesak, David and Yagnesak, Karen to Mccusker, Joseph and Mccusker, Frances, 3/11, $875,000

71 Olcott Way Lot 71, Morris, Andrew W to Grivas, Andreas and Grivas, Dana, 3/7, $175,000

131 Ridgebury Rd, Toms Properties LLC to Cambell, Lauren and Cambell, Jonathan T, 3/11, $579,000

203 Farmingville Rd, Dolen Elizabeth M Est and Dolen, Joseph L to Conant, Daniel and Oneill, Clare, 3/7, $439,000

829 N Salem Rd, Ansonia Hldg Co LLC to Larkin, Stirling R, 3/7, $2,100,000

ROCKY HILL

Ferry Lndg Lot 1203, Eric&E Littmann T and Littmann, Eric S to Agic, Murisa, 3/9, $100,000

22 Carillon Dr Lot C, Pantaleao, Lisa M and Pantaleao, Jessica A to Kadiyala, Niveditha, 3/11, $150,000

108 Copper Beech Dr Lot 108, Reese, Alisa S to Bockstahler, James, 3/8, $230,000

238 Raymond Rd, Bourque, Gabrielle N to Dream Holdings LLC, 3/7, $360,000

508 Carlton Ln Lot 508, Rivers, Ashley P to Dowler, Terri W, 3/7, $195,000

ROXBURY

14 Minor Bridge Rd, Moretti, Steven J and Moretti, Catherine P to Chaghatzbanian, Sonia and Nebel, Blake Y, 3/8, $769,000

SALEM

79 Skyline Dr, Forsyth, Victor to Gutierrez, Jonathan and Michel-Gutierrez, Melanie, 3/10, $380,000

SALISBURY

11 Indian Mountain Rd, Thomas, Christopher to Bellanca, Kirk, 3/7, $330,000

441 Lime Rock Rd, Duntz, Cheryl and Tripp, Alison to Grant, Myra E, 3/10, $270,000

SEYMOUR

61 New St, Kelley, Kyle to Varas, Amanda R and Vaccarella, Sean M, 2/23, $167,500

93 Balance Rock Rd Lot 7, Benson, Lois to Licari Properties LLC, 2/24, $119,900

108 Mountain Rd, Thibeault, Helen J to Pasj LLC, 2/28, $380,000

206 Skokorat St, Jennings, William to Lawton, Betty R, 2/28, $130,000

SHARON

354 Calkinstown Rd, New Sharon Green LLC to Macdonald, Matthew G and Macdonald, Leah R, 3/9, $1,995,000

SHELTON

3 Murphys Ln Lot 7, Panasharp Props to Mcnamara, Edward P, 3/7, $190,000

6 Little Fox Run, Russett, Matthew to Demusis, Susan W, 3/10, $530,000

12 Owl Hill Rd Lot 12, Liu, Hong J and Zhang, Xin Y to Brown, Tameka A, 3/10, $448,000

23 Perch Rd, Andreozzi Jr, Dominick A and Andreozzi, Dawn M to Ek Real Estate Fund 1 LLC, 3/9, $560,000

44 Cali Dr, Labaredas, Daniel to Chawiche, Antione, 3/9, $459,900

45 Woods Grove Rd, Wysocki, Lukasz to Goncalves, Keith and Goncalves, Rebecca, 3/10, $770,000

234-236 Riverview Ave, Tomlinson, Brian P and Trivelli, Gina M to Corraro, John R, 3/11, $400,000

SHERMAN

5 Echo Ln S, Liker, Susan to Madia, Robert F and Madia, Chelsea R, 3/9, $608,423

SIMSBURY

Wolcott Rd, Hogan, Sharon S to 1530 Ants LLC, 3/9, $14,000

1 Farmstead Ln, Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc to Wittig, David, 3/7, $240,000

1-3 Mill Pond Ln, 1&3 Mill Pond Partners to D&D Properties LLC, 3/7, $775,000

3 Eagle Ln, Gridley, Mary C to Barry, Amanda and Barry, Ryan, 3/8, $534,000

3 Mill Pond Ln, 1&3 Mill Pond Partners to D&D Properties LLC, 3/7, $775,000

7 Village Rd, Hunt, John M to Pacheco, Barbara A and Pacheco, Armindo, 3/9, $380,000

15 Prospect Rdg Lot 15, Carson Way LLC to Montano, Rory D, 3/11, $1,137,126

50 Brettonwood Dr Lot 50, Giolito, Richard J and Giolito, Teresa E to Marrs, Tara B, 3/9, $395,000

444 Bushy Hill Rd, Christopher, James R and Carpino, Catherine to Kelly, Niles, 3/10, $489,000

SOMERS

28 Country Fair Dr, Lajoie, David P and Lajoie, Paula A to Basile, Clarese M and Hildebrand, Michael L, 3/8, $500,000

81 Maple Ridge Dr, Savioli, Scott J to Janisz, Mitchell W and Bennett, Nichole M, 3/7, $231,000

SOUTH WINDSOR

Griffin Rd, Rosenthal, Daniel and Rosenthal, Susan C to Saxena, Sameer and Nigam, Mugdha, 2/28, $425,000

15 Arthur Dr Lot 3, Bharani, Atluri and Siddapu, Deepta to Viswanagh-Jayavarapu, P K and Divvela, Satya V, 3/7, $260,000

65 Judy Ln, Nagpal, Anurag and Dhama, Nishant to Stevens, John, 3/2, $350,000

565 Miller Rd, Markie, David M and Markie, Donna C to Yeditha, Bhanu S and Pallavi-Nemani, Venkata N, 3/7, $340,000

637 Main St, C D&L C Mather RET and Mather, Clayton D to Guilmette, Luke, 3/4, $282,500

949 Pelasant Valley Rd Lot 7-5, Janser, Jenifer to Dukes, Tyhisha S and Dukes, Carl H, 3/1, $88,000

1106 Sunfield Dr Lot 1106, Pirotta, Louis R and Pirotta, Louis to Singh, Rajesh and Patney, Prachi, 3/8, $152,100

SOUTHBURY

47 Far View Cmns Lot 47,

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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423 Lowell Davis Rd, Slanda, Summer B to Lavallee, Matthew and Lavallee, Jacquelyn, 3/7, $429,000

TOLLAND

Old Post Rd, Lavigne, Gerald L to David Wesley RE LLC, 3/9, $30,000

15 Winterbourne Vw, Del Properties Inc to Cote, Alexander, 3/7, $515,000

33 Baxter St, Duval, Jacleen and Duval, Derek to Taveras, Freddy R and Scanlon, Megan A, 3/7, $237,500

63 Loehr Rd, Mccarthy, Darlene L to Orban, Alexander, 3/10, $205,000

538 Old Post Rd, Lavigne, Gerald L to Dwre Constrcution LLC, 3/9, $220,000

TORRINGTON

E Albert St, Pathe, Mark A to Prieto, Luis and Guaman, Mariana, 3/7, $130,000

7 Pulaski St, Adams, Eric J to Nieves, Eileen M, 3/10, $178,000

11 Marion Ave Lot 8, Zeolla, Anthony to Mercado, Jose, 3/4, $50,000

20 Barton St, Third Party T and Tyler, Roderick to Zhicay-Muy, Sonia M, 3/7, $175,000

20 Bird St, Duhaime, Darren M to Vargas, Dino, 3/9, $191,500

24 Joyce St, Pellegren, Phillip J to Vivas, Yuliany, 3/3, $237,000

28 High St, Demelo-Silveira, Maycon to Williams, Marquise B, 3/4, $189,900

32 Munson Ave, SPM Real Estate Props to Richardson, Allyn, 3/11, $207,000

52 Berry St, Golub, Aaron S to Bermeo, Leidy, 3/10, $236,000

52 Sunset Ln, Gebrian, Joyce A to Blakely, Laura L, 3/9, $170,000

54 Briarwood Trl, Sisavath, Vieng and Sisavath, Ketkham to Bochicchio, Jason, 3/7, $219,000

54 Winthrop St, US Bank NA Tr to Mayancela-Quizhpi, G, 3/7, $125,000

56 Baron Ln, Morrell, David E and Morrell, Alisha to Schaff, Holly K and Schaff, Gary C, 3/8, $189,900

92 High St, Jpec Properties LLP to Holebrook, Kareem, 3/8, $259,000

127 Berry St, Gray, Terry A to Tenezaca, Rosa E, 3/7, $125,000

139 Lyman Dr, Rolli, Douglas A to Clapps, Michael B and Clapps, Lisa A, 3/3, $231,500

152 Garden St, Vosseller-Davidson, Brenda to Bridglall, Nirmala, 3/9, $229,000

158 Carriage Ln, Johnson, Erika L to Zefi, Bernard, 3/8, $242,000

282 E Elm St, Oconnell, Cynthia L and Oconnell, Timothy J to Limitless 282 Elm St LLC, 3/7, $237,000

294 E Elm St, Oconnell, Cynthia L to Limitless 294 Elm St LLC, 3/7, $237,000

383 Riverside Ave, Tyrrell, Jason to Rodriguez, Fabiana, 3/7, $264,000

699 S Main St Lot 102, Reynolds, Kenneth V and Reynolds, Kathryn K to Dahne, Kamil and Dahne, Gabrielle, 3/9, $105,000

1229 Winsted Rd Lot 99, Komu LLC to Nguyen, Cindy, 3/11, $155,000

1340 Torringford West St, Melo, Ruben to Butts Jr, Brian M, 3/10, $230,000

TRUMBULL

Lewis Rd, Gaydos, Edward J and Carlson, Donna to Plasko, John J and Plasko, Lisa A, 3/8, $100,000

Lewis Rd, Voytek Jr, Joseph and Voytek, Ronald to Plasko, John J and Plasko, Lisa A, 3/8, $100,000

19 Cherry Blossom Ln, Leonard, Dolores to Fagan, William J and Fagan, Janice E, 3/7, $406,000

575 Shelton Rd, Foote, Lori A to Damiano, Alison, 3/8, $622,000

660 Old Town Rd, Gillis, Kathleen M to Liang, Shouqing and Lin, Songqin, 3/7, $427,500

670 Booth Hill Rd, Dream Homes Solutions LLC to Demark, Christopher, 3/8, $615,000

1215 Arganese Pl Lot 1215, Flowers, Ann S and Flowers, Martin T to Lewis, Mary A and Companik, Genevieve, 3/7, $276,000

VERNON

67 Berkeley Dr, Cheng, Yuk Y to Macias, Camilo, 2/24, $248,000

85 Old Town Rd Lot 36, QA10 LLC to Shaikh, Nawaz M and Shaikh, Noreen A, 2/24, $74,500

127 E Main St, Schneider, Todd and Schneider, Hillary to Charneco, Joshua, 2/23, $251,000

201 Regan Rd Lot 16B, Kupec 3rd, John F and Kupec, Sheryl L to Snapestate LLC, 2/24, $80,000

346 Tunnel Rd, Acuna, Luis and Acuna, Kristina to Little, Arthur, 2/22, $325,000

977 Hartford Tpke, Bielecki Joseph G Jr Est and Richert, Cara S to Seck Enterprises LLC, 2/24, $250,000

985 Hartford Tpke, Bielecki Joseph G Jr Est and Richert, Cara S to Seck Enterprises LLC, 2/24, $250,000

1158 Hartford Tpke Lot 10, Twyman, Kathleen E to Jansen, Stephen, 2/23, $245,000

VOLUNTOWN

Brown Rd Lot 2, Pachaug Capital LLC to Held, David J and Held, Kristen N, 3/7, $62,500

WALLINGFORD

N/A, Gierla, Danielle C to Voccola, James, 3/11, $185,000

19 Tamarac Swamp Rd, Minfu Lu&Jungu He LT and Minfu, Lu to Shubert, William J, 3/10, $400,000

24 Hanover St, Goriss, Jason A to Pandiani, Lisa, 3/11, $225,000

28 Gregory Rd, Heidgerd Mary Anne Est and Heidgerd, Rohn W to Rodriguez-Sandoval, M A, 3/9, $360,000

595 N Main St, Brickley Candace C Est and Brickley, Michael C to Delvecchio, Annette L, 3/11, $300,000

WARREN

155 Cornwall Rd, Clark, Heather A and Clark, Matthew J to Cable, Timothy M and Cable, Audrey L, 3/7, $330,000

WASHINGTON

88 Gunn Hill Rd, Morrill, Maureen L to Ngai, Jennie and Rawley, Michael, 3/7, $1,050,000

WATERBURY

11 Bergen St, Bondi, Vincent to Betterhaven LLC, 3/9, $142,000

12 Norman St, Ogrodnik, Gregory W to Majestic NW LLC, 3/7, $169,900

23 Shirley St Lot 12, Mancini, Mark F to Csluciano LLC, 3/9, $67,000

23 W Porter St, Comm Prop Hldg LLC to 23-27 W Porter LLC, 3/8, $500,000

24 Myrtle Ave, Murphy, Devin to Burkhart, Christina M, 3/7, $150,000

27 Buckwood Ave, Kinder, Anne M to Andujar, Williana, 3/11, $178,000

28 Buckingham St, Rivera, Orlando to Saeteros, Luis E and Quizhpi, Maria, 3/7, $95,000

31 Craftwood Rd Lot 11, Dunston, Carlton to R&R Brothers Realty LLC, 3/11, $65,000

34 Lonsdale St, Lee, Robyn C and Lee, Torrian L to Espinosa, Jose and Espinosa, Carmen, 3/8, $200,000

41 Albion St, Cancel, Jesus to Lantigua, Johanna, 3/9, $255,000

44 Piedmont St, Evangelista, Damiana to Betterhaven LLC, 3/11, $160,000

45 Deerwood Ln Lot 12, Dayton, Jennifer to SB Designer Prop LLC, 3/9, $100,000

47 Rosemount Ave, Sabovic, Himzija to Rivera, Gregorio, 3/8, $198,900

58 Hutchinson St, Burgio Pauline D Est and Detulio, Elaine to Villanueva, Jasmine S, 3/11, $245,000

62 N Leonard St, Rivera, Chantel to Betterhaven LLC, 3/7, $140,000

63 River St, Gonzalez, Rosemary to Betterhaven LLC, 3/11, $115,000

71 Christian Hill Rd, Patafio, Shari L to Estevez, Luis G, 3/8, $160,000

78 Cushman St, Concepcion, Calixta and Irizarry, Henry to Tupete, Amasirys W, 3/10, $170,000

78 Hutchinson St, Mccarthy, Sean to Martinez, Yvette and Malavet, Ana M, 3/9, $175,000

129 Purdy Rd, PRM Investments LLC to Grant, Laurie S, 3/11, $139,000

132 Benefit St, Jones, Larry to Baez, Vivian, 3/10, $218,000

136 E Liberty St, VMSFA Holdings LLC to A2Z Investors LLC, 3/10, $241,500

155 Fairfield Ave, Rinaldi, Patsy A and Haddad, Nancy R to Grant, Chissano, 3/11, $250,000

177 Beecher Ave, Franqui, Jose to Smith, Rajohn, 3/9, $210,000

200 Yale St Lot 22B, Legassey, Rick E to Gauntlett, Flyn, 3/11, $119,999

210 Fairlawn Ave, Fazzino, Chester J to Lee, Mark and Lee, Melanie, 3/7, $220,000

267 Hill St, Toledo, Rosa L to Sanchez, Virgilio, 3/10, $330,000

291 Moran St, Isberg, Ryan to Collado, Carmen, 3/11, $145,000

305 Atwood Ave, Alicea, Marilyn and Heredia, Luis A to Quiles Sr, Antonio L, 3/9, $177,000

585 Park Rd Lot 10-7, Dayton, Jennifer N and Miller, Bridget A to SB Designer Prop LLC, 3/9, $350,000

736 Congress Ave, Navas, Luis L to Bishop, Christopher and Bishop, Yvonne, 3/7, $220,000

925 Oronoke Rd Lot 17D, Dean, Kirsten E to Isler, Lucendia D, 3/7, $170,000

WATERFORD

34 Olive St, Sferrazza, Rosa O to Abate, Carol, 3/9, $265,000

38 Shawandassee Rd, Mcculloch, Candi to Schenck, John W, 3/8, $570,000

39 Upper Bartlett Rd, Angeloszek Stanley Est and Andreoli, Marie A to Marsden, Brett, 3/9, $207,000

82 Longview St Lot 16, Falter, Mark A to Dansereau, Jeannine, 3/10, $124,900

WATERTOWN

39 Squire Ct, Cipriano, Michael to Harrington, Brian, 3/11, $250,000

91 New Wood Rd, Salsbury, Marissa J to Gold Coast North LLC, 3/8, $290,000

138 Belden St, Beaupre, Alexander to Holley, Krista L, 3/8, $250,000

245 Cherry Ave Lot C11, Uilean, Domnitsa to Martin Sr, Gary L, 3/8, $135,000

245 Cherry Ave Lot D14, Adams George W Est and Adams, Todd to Islami, Flat and Islami, Teuta, 3/7, $104,900

617 Main St, Ahmed, Emad S and Ahmed, Judith G to Pengu, Andi and Pengu, Ina, 3/9, $236,850

2181 Straits Tpke, 2191 Straits LLC to Gold Coast North LLC, 3/8, $7,800,000

WEST HARTFORD

1 King Philip Dr Lot 212, Beatrice Israel T and Israel, Jeffrey to Harris, Merle W and Harris, David R, 3/7, $235,000

3 Old Meadow Rd, Hussain, Syed S to Chen, Peng, 3/11, $360,000

11 Parsons Farm Condo Lot 9, Pollander, Eric R to Moller, Charlotte and Ojha, Anurag, 3/11, $205,000

12 Farm Hill Rd, Schpero, Fred M and Schpero, Nancy M to Almeida, Eamon M and Almeida, Madeleine D, 3/11, $755,000

15 Adams Ln, Kenneth S Blatt T and Blatt, Kenneth S to Hendel, William and Hendel, Dorikla, 3/8, $590,000

15 Carol Rd, Duong, Thanh T to Modderno, Zachary and Solis, Milagros, 3/8, $252,500

18 Garfield Rd, Dimaria 4th, Joseph F and Dimaria, Andrea M to Lake, Nicole E, 3/8, $480,000

18 Shepard Rd, Household Real Estate LLC to Biediger, Matthew R, 3/11, $370,000

20 Hurlbut St, 20 Hurlbut Associates LLC to Patterson Prop 20 Hurlbut, 3/9, $840,000

25 Linnard Rd, Raichelson, Erez and Raichelson, Mary L to Belen Jr, Regolo A, 3/10, $675,000

26 Robin Rd Lot 5, Nelson, Kyle G to Wyman, Kevin and Schoenberger, Susan, 3/11, $217,250

26 Schoolhouse Dr Lot 308, Vincent, Emiily R to Drobiak, Kirsten, 3/7, $250,000

29 Fairwood Farms Dr, Johnson, Kelly L and Kelly, Niles to Kindelan, Meghan, 3/7, $455,000

32 Robin Rd Lot 5, Knorr, Molly L to SDZ Associates LLC, 3/9, $210,000

34 Schoolhouse Dr Lot 309, Holdsworth, Jeffrey C to Chhabra, Arpit and Chauhan, Ketti, 3/10, $250,000

36 Arnold Way Lot A, Backman Enterprises LLC to Hurtado, Davis C, 3/8, $175,000

47 Fairlee Rd, Blair, Andrew J and Blair, Sherry S to Dubin, Justin J and Macauley, Kathryn, 3/7, $435,000

52 N Main St, Labrecque, Raymond R to 54 N Main LLC, 3/8, $310,000

54 Englewood Ave, Velhage, Jeanne to Luddy, Carolyn M, 3/11, $283,500

59 Quaker Ln N, Luddy, Carolyn M and Scarrozzo, Nicholas J to Loerns, Kristin and Loerns, Andrew, 3/7, $550,000

85 Cumberland Rd, Rose Lake LLC to Beaudoin, Sarah, 3/11, $350,000

90 Vanderbilt Ave, Trio Group LLC to Mcintyre, Scott, 3/7, $257,000

93 Haynes Rd, Kupperman Pinchas Est and Kupperman, David to Blekher, Igor and Melamud, Polina, 3/10, $222,400

100 Oakwood Ave Lot B4, Cabral, Marcos R to Lewis, Janet, 3/9, $99,900

103 Shadow Ln Lot B, Elish, Harriet and Cassell, Shaileen to KRC Properties LLC, 3/11, $125,000

144 Overbrook Rd, Mensah, Henry to Brown, Bomani, 3/7, $350,000

160 Talcott Rd, Isales, Cynyhia to Burris, Nancy and Mcintyre, Ieisha, 3/9, $307,900

WEST HAVEN

42 Forest Rd, Wang, Lin to Singh, Lakhbir and Kaur, Baljeet, 3/7, $320,000

46 Eagle Pl, Debowes, Dorothy Z to Guzman, Santos, 3/11, $270,000

63 Sorenson Rd, Cozzi, Kristin L to Hartzsch, Jonathan, 3/9, $320,000

72 California St, Mccollum, Donald C and Mccollum, Heather A to Cruz, Angel and Cruz, Leiticia, 3/9, $372,000

89 Coleman St Lot 911, Powell Jr, Louis to Breeding, Brian, 3/10, $105,000

124 Richards St, Vicuna, Wilmer J to Rimac, Josip and Rimac, Rebecca, 3/7, $245,000

140 Skyline Dr, Duffy, Austin to Alcoser, Maria A, 3/9, $300,000

151 Collis St, John R Derosa Rlty LT and Derosa, John R to Lawrence, Kirt and Lawrence, Iesha, 3/8, $318,000

171 Washington Ave, Arce, Heriberto to Gordon, Lemar and Brown, Dicoda, 3/9, $315,000

185 Laurel St, Gydus, Elizabeth A and Gagliardi, John to Nelson, Kristin R, 3/8, $245,000

360 W Spring St Lot A3, Belton, Priscilla to Cordova-Diaz, Erika E, 3/7, $100,000

440 3rd Ave, Cima, Attilio and Vendrella, Mary L to Lorne, Gerneil, 3/7, $390,000

634 Saw Mill Rd, Lozada, Eduardo and Rodriguez, Karla to Soto, Nissa and Montanez, Carlos, 3/7, $300,000

WESTBROOK

164 Hammock Rd N Lot 20, Bontatibus, Michael J and Bontatibus, Frances N to Stubenbord, Pamela T, 3/8, $420,000

WESTON

15 Treadwell Ct, Seidman, Yaron and Seidman, Taly to Saidov, Robin and Saidov, Umed, 3/8, $1,195,000

20 Twin Walls Ln, Ibrahim, Zahir M and Ibrahim, Nicole L to Seigerman, Evan and Schechter, Marc, 3/7, $2,450,000

30 Catbrier Rd, Yon, Janet A to Auerbach, Olaf, 3/9, $1,255,000

138 Old Redding Rd, Hiden, Cheryl A to Rubin, Gregory and Spyres, Jenny, 3/8, $1,205,000

138 Old Redding Rd Lot 2, Hiden, Cheryl A to Fletcher, Edward and Fletcher, Deirdre, 3/7, $950,000

WESTPORT

2 Fraser Ln, Burki, Christopher and Burki, Katryn to Weiss, Zachary F and Weiss, Melissa, 3/8, $4,000,000

2 Timber Ln, 2 Timber Lane LLC to Manfro, Joanna R, 3/4, $1,900,000

6 James Ln, Spangler, Judith E to Sir Dev, 3/9, $879,000

6 Minute Man Hl, Kasarda, Kimberly G to Healy, Seth and Healy, Anne, 3/8, $5,957,500

9 Oakview Ln, 9 Tiffany Lane LLC to Mihut, Selu V and Mihut, Daniela V, 3/3, $1,420,000

19 Burr Farms Rd, Gross, Richard J and Gross, Jennifer to Vanaken, Tim and Vanaken, Rachel M, 3/4, $3,650,000

27 Morningside Dr S, Levitt, Gabriel D and Levitt, Keri to Miller, Adam S and Miller, Melissa, 3/8, $2,525,000

40 Hillspoint Rd, Guu, Jason J and Hsu, Vivian to Nordengaard, Gitte and Nordengaard, Jesper, 3/8, $2,400,000

162 Cross Hwy, Maged, Alexis and Maged, Laura E to Chaney, Michael and Kirschner-Chaney, Larissa, 3/7, $3,273,500

163 Bayberry Ln, Langer, Larry and Klein-Langer, Hope to Facchera, Serena T, 3/7, $3,195,000

WETHERSFIELD

27 Goodwin Ave, DR&B Homes LLC to Nixon, Carly, 3/8, $325,000

29 Carson Ave, Strachan, Brenda and Delgado, Elizabeth to Stone, Justin, 3/10, $240,000

33 Mill St Lot 1A, Galinsky, Philip S and Galinsky, Robert T to Pfeffer, Dawn D and Pfeffer, Allison L, 3/9, $262,500

40 Bobwhite Hl, Tareb, Malielk and Mohmed, Anisah to Ahmad, Farrukh and Farrukh, Sadia, 3/7, $632,500

43 Maxwell Dr, Fazzina, Carmelo and Fazzina, Ninna to Demolli, Valbona and Bejte, Lorenc, 3/10, $289,900

85 Clarkridge Rd, Lichatz, Gregory F and Lichatz, Lynn H to Boucher, Daniel P and Boucher, Karen P, 3/10, $390,000

334 Goff Rd, Giel, Rita and Lank, Velia to Williams, Gashford and Williams, Latoya, 3/11, $355,000

1310-1320 Berlin Tpke Lot 302, Ayers Realty LLC to Serignese, John, 3/11, $79,000

WILLINGTON

7 Potter School Rd, Tanguay, Raymond J and Tanguay, Janet E to Anderson Clark, Elaine H and Clark, Stephen D, 3/9, $469,900

52 Nipmuck Rd, Murray Nancy M Est and Murray, Emmet to Starberg Hldg LLC, 3/7, $352,000

224 River Rd, RMPT Pass Through T to Gomes-Dossantos, Atila and Freitas, Abraao T, 3/2, $315,735

WILTON

Danbury Rd, 203 Danbury Road LLC to DMW Properties LLC, 3/7, $1,300,000

N/A, Angerame, Brian M and Angerame, Jennifer A to Polito, Josep and Polito, Christine, 3/10, $425,000

147 Olmstead Hill Rd, Schallop, Steven to Ficcara, Thomas and Ficcara, Heather, 3/7, $1,782,500

WINCHESTER

25 Cottage St, Mangione, Leona L to Vogt, Patricia and Vogt Jr, George, 3/7, $179,900

WINDHAM

Orchard Hill Ln, Ramos, Raymond and Ramos, Maria to Tarr, Aubrey A, 3/8, $166,500

N/A, Building 5 LLC to MJ71 LLC, 3/9, $170,000

25 Main St, Peralta, Samuel to Forever Spring Realty LLC, 3/10, $48,530

31 Main St, Peralta, Samuel and Alejo-Deperalta, Blanca L to Forever Spring Realty LLC, 3/10, $276,470

60 Scarborough Rd, Karistinos, Hilary A to Seddon, Hannah M, 3/7, $245,000

67 S Windham Rd, Mcelroy, Kathleen G to Yates, Christopher T, 3/11, $205,000

84 Machine Shop Hill Rd, Card, Helen T and Prue, Patrick M to Morton, Gary and Desroches, Patricia, 3/8, $155,000

140 Quarry St, Woodworth, Richard to Osuba, Richard and Ramirez, Ivonne, 3/10, $182,000

WINDSOR

19 Ludlow Rd, Urso Ruth M Est and Urso, Gary to Zeiner, Paula A, 3/3, $15,000

44 Sycamore St, Alan L Stalb LT and Stalb, Alan L to Feijoo, Marisa A, 3/11, $290,000

119 Park Ave, Foote, Peter H and Foote, Denise L to Coretto, August M and Reindl, Kimberly, 3/9, $340,250

378 Windsor Ave, Webbb, Kisha S to Samuel, Velanda, 3/11, $250,000

WINDSOR LOCKS

2 Concorde Lndg Lot B6, Vicari, Ralph A to Carvalho, Charlene G, 3/8, $135,000

21 Briarcliff Dr, Kathleen Stick RET and Stick, Kathlene to Stick, Timothy and Stick, Victoria, 3/8, $240,000

36 S Center St, Carr, Cathleen S to Cowles, Rebecca A and Cowles, Erik S, 3/11, $200,000

39 South St, Lash, Robert B and Lash, Cheryl A to Tuttle, Paul J and Tuttle, Josephine C, 3/7, $110,000

WOLCOTT

Oak St, Keuchkerian, Walter and Keuchkerian, Lorraine D to Hurlbert, Gordon, 3/1, $190,000

Swamp Rd, Galipault, Richard and Galipault, Lorraine to Kadri, Kathryn and Kadri, Kadir, 3/3, $630,000

8 Pimlico Rd, North American Homes LLC to Luthra, Suraj, 3/8, $475,000

12 Spindle Hill Rd Lot 7C, FHLM to Rodrigues, Alex J and Rodrigues, Mario F, 3/7, $225,601

20 Wolf Hill Rd Lot 6D, Liu, Bi C to Seye, Assetou A, 3/10, $190,000

28 Heritage Ct Lot 28, Heritage Hill Wolcott LLC to Blanchette, Karen R, 3/11, $314,900

178 Celia Dr, Esposito, John M and Esposito, Savannah to Michaud, Ambyr, 3/3, $230,000

185 Wolcott Rd, Fairchild Frances J Est and Fairchild, Lori to Kazemekas, Craig and Kazemekas, Heidi, 3/8, $199,000

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Shop wisely when buying seedlings

As spring approaches, so does the job of choosing 'starts' for your garden

By Jeff Lowenfels
Associated Press

Many gardeners don't start all their plants from seed. We buy "starts," or seedlings — nursery-grown plants to transplant into our gardens and containers.

These mostly consist of annuals and vegetables in plastic cell packs of four or six plants each. Many people also buy starts in individual containers.

I pay particular attention when buying my spring starts. You can't go back and start over in the middle of spring or summer, and you don't want to be disappointed because you bought plants that didn't perform.

So, here's a routine you might want to follow to make sure you get good plants.

It starts with which nursery you go to. Before you buy, look around.

Does it appear the place grows its own plants, or do they buy from wholesalers? Nurseries that grow their own spring starts usually take good care of them. Wholesalers are often responsible for their plants' care at the outlets they sell to, and so care might not be as good at the retail end.

Make sure the plants have been properly watered. Every time a cell pack dries out, the seedlings are shocked and take time to recover, if they do at all. You don't want to see flats of wilting plants. If there are lots of half-dead plants being sold for half off, or racks of drying plants sitting in the hot sun outside the store, that's a tipoff to buy elsewhere.

Next, before you buy a cell pack, feel the soil. (It's OK, you're allowed!) In addition to being moist, it should not be compacted, a sign of having dried out. I even make sure it smells fresh.

I also check the drainage holes to get a gauge on the roots, so I know whether I need to transplant the seedlings when I get home or even if they have become too root-bound to buy.

None of this takes much time because I know what a healthy plant looks like, and you do too. It is free from wind and sun damage. These take time to repair, and who wants to waste growing time?

Look for fungal or bacterial blemishes, and the plants must be free from insects and any pesticide smell (a bad sign indeed, on several levels).

When you buy spring plants in cell packs, "healthy" means all plants in the pack. If one in a four-pack is not healthy, the rest are surely not far behind. Besides, you want your money's worth.

I'll leave a store if the plants aren't labeled. I want to know the plants' variety name, color and height. Labels help me get the same (or different) varieties next year, depending on this year's results.

There's always a question about whether to buy plants in flower. Some plants bloom all season long so there is no problem if they're already in flower. Other plants, however, bloom only once and that's it. You don't want to buy a plant that duds out early in the season because it is already mature.

Personally, if there's a choice between buying plants already in bloom vs. those that are not, I get the ones without flowers. I am the gardener and I am supposed to produce the blooms in my gardens, not let the nursery do so on its benches.

Finally, remember that plants and impulse buying go together like hand and gardening glove. Always have a garden plan in mind when you shop for plants. It's easy to make a simple drawing and make a list of the plants. I keep mine on my cell phone. That way, it's always with me when I stop at a nursery.

Jeff Lowenfels writes regularly about gardening for Associated Press. His books include "Teaming With Microbes," "Teaming With Fungi" and "Teaming With Nutrients."

A young customer inspects cell pack starts at a nursery to ensure her purchases are healthy. **JEFF LOWENFELS/AP PHOTOS 2017**

Healthy cell packs of flower starts for sale. One unhealthy plant in a pack spells trouble.

Vicky, left, and Mickey Popat stand March 8 on the empty lot they bought in Orlando, Florida. **TODD ANDERSON/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

In tight market, some buy land to build on

By Daniel Bortz
The New York Times

To Vicky and Mickey Popat, it seemed as if everyone in Orlando, Florida, wanted to buy a house last spring. "The market here was so skimpy that anytime a decent property got listed, it would receive multiple offers right away and get snatched up," said Vicky Popat, 39.

Much has been written about the extremely tight sales market for existing homes across the country, but there is a relatively unheralded segment of the market that has been experiencing a boom during the pandemic, and that is the market for vacant lots.

Nationwide, the sales of vacant lots decreased between 2018 and 2019 but then turned around in the past two years, rising significantly last year, according to Realtor.com, a real estate listings site. Between January and October 2021, 79,289 vacant lots were sold in the 100 largest U.S. metro areas, a 32.4% increase from the same time period in 2020. Realtor.com attributes the jump to the tight for-sale market. In that same time period, existing home sales increased by 13.4%.

Frustrated with the lack of homes for sale, the Popats, who have two children, decided to look for a piece of land where they could build their nine-bedroom dream home with lots of space for offices and guest rooms.

After several months of searching, the couple bought a 1 ½-acre lot on a cul-de-sac in July, paying the full list price of $399,000.

"Most of the lots in this area are a quarter of an acre or a third of an acre, so it's a rare find," said Mickey Popat, 42.

Here is what you need to know about buying a piece of land and building a home.

Assembling your team

You should have the right professionals by your side when you buy a piece of land.

An experienced local real estate agent can help you find a property that fits your needs, draw up an offer, negotiate with the seller and navigate other steps of the land-buying process.

It is important to have a general contractor lined up, but they are in high demand right now because of labor shortages, said Nicole Bachaud, an economist at Zillow. Creating a construction budget can also be tricky, since building materials such as lumber have been fluctuating in price significantly during the pandemic amid supply chain issues.

For a similar reason, an architect is a must-have. With their expertise, an architect can explain custom-design features and finishes in creating a detailed plan for the new house, said Nia Lewis, who bought a 1 ½-acre lot in Ridgeville, South Carolina, with her husband, LaVario, for $58,000 in February 2021.

"We had a hard time finding a builder who would return our calls," Nia Lewis said.

Finally, if you buy a property in a development, one decision might be taken out of your hands: The developer might require that you use his builder.

Getting a mortgage

Unless you can buy land and pay for construction costs with cash, you will need to borrow money. But obtaining a loan to buy land and build a house is not as simple as getting one for an existing home.

In most cases, you can apply for a residential construction loan, which is a short-term loan — usually 12 to 28 months — that provides the funds needed to buy land, obtain building permits and build a home. Once your house is built, you either convert the construction loan to a conventional mortgage or take out a separate mortgage to pay off the construction loan, said Guy Cecala, executive chair of Inside Mortgage Finance, a newsletter that covers the mortgage industry. Some lenders offer a construction-to-permanent loan that converts to a fixed-rate long-term mortgage once a house is built.

Some lenders will give construction loans to professional builders but not to individuals, Cecala said, so you will have to do your homework.

Also, the construction loan approval process can be challenging. "Usually, you have to provide a lender with an appraisal of the land to show that you're not overpaying for it, a construction timeline, and a detailed budget" for the house you plan to build, Cecala said. "Basically, your lender is going to be looking over your shoulder the whole way."

Construction loans often have tougher underwriting standards since they pose greater risk for lenders, who do not have a home that they can seize as collateral if you fall behind on your loan payments.

Zoning laws, regulations and liens

It may sound obvious, but before you buy a vacant lot, confirm that it is zoned for residential housing. "Some land is only zoned for industrial, commercial or agricultural use," said Michael Leigeber, founder and CEO of LandSearch, a website that lists vacant land, buildable lots and rural properties.

Do not make any assumptions, said Mario Greco, a real estate broker at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Chicago and the founder of MG Group, which specializes in land acquisition and new-construction development. "Just because you're looking at a plot of land that has a house next to it doesn't necessarily mean you can build a house on that vacant lot," he said.

First, contact the city or county zoning office to find out what laws apply to the property you want to buy, said Justin Fox, a real estate broker at RE/MAX Professionals in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Always hire a title company to search for liens against the property. Liens are debts, such as unpaid taxes, that can affect who has a legal claim of ownership for the lot.

Setting up utilities

If a lot is in a big city or a well-developed suburb, "there's usually no issue with accessing water, gas and electric," Greco said. However, land in rural areas and some suburbs may not have access to public utilities, in which case you would have to make changes to the property to set up utilities — and those changes "could be impossible or prohibitively expensive," Greco cautioned.

And do not forget about internet strength, said Fox. "With so many people working from home nowadays, high-speed internet has become a big priority, but some areas have slow internet speed."

'Edward Scissorhands' house in Florida back on the market

By Paul Guzzo
Tampa Bay Times

LUTZ, Fla. — One of the Tampa Bay area's most famous cinematic homes is for sale.

The house at 1774 Tinsmith Circle, on the Pasco County side of Lutz, is where Johnny Depp's Edward Scissorhands character stayed with the Boggs family in director Tim Burton's 1990 movie "Edward Scissorhands."

In September 2020, Joey and Sharon Licalzi purchased the home for $230,000. They lived there, but also turned it into a museum dedicated to the fairytale movie.

They allowed fans inside for free.

Now, the house is back on the market for $699,900.

It is 1,432 square feet and has three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a two-car garage, according to the real estate listing.

The Pasco County Property Appraiser's website says the house was built in 1989.

"My daughter is having twins," Joey Licalzi said. "We need more space. I wish we didn't have to sell."

Licalzi has a connection to the movie.

He worked at a nearby Denny's in 1990 when a producer stopped by with an offer.

The movie's craft services department needed a kitchen in which to wash dishes and a dishwasher.

He volunteered for the job.

That's why he wanted the house when it was for sale in 2020.

He and his wife landscaped the yard so it looked as it did in the movie. Fans and former crew members donated props — both authentic and reproduced — plus other items connected to the film.

Last year, the movie's prop master donated an original script, an autographed photograph of Burton, a crew schedule, photographs of the construction team building the castle at the end of the cul-de-sac where the museum is located, the prototype for the paper dolls that Edward Scissorhands creates in a scene and a photograph of the full crew who worked in the Lutz neighborhood.

This home where the 1990 film "Edward Scissorhands" was made in Lutz, Florida, is now on the market for $699,900. **DOUGLAS R. CLIFFORD/TAMPA BAY TIMES**

The collectibles will remain with the house, Licalzi said, and he hopes to find an owner who will allow fans to continue to visit.

Or, he suggested, move those items to a second location that serves as a movie museum and restore the interior of the Scissorhands home to look exactly as it did in the film. He is willing to help fundraise for such a venture.

"One thing I will not do," he said. "I will not sell it to anyone who would destroy the house."

Concrete

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even boxes made with concrete.

Emma McDowall, 28, an artist in Edinburgh, Scotland, who uses concrete to create candle holders, vases and other pieces for her line Studio Emma, said the material has an unpredictable quality that can be appealing to both artisans and consumers, because subtle changes to the process can change a finished piece. Adding more water can lead to cracked finishes, the way it's mixed can result in more (or fewer) visible air bubbles, and the type of aggregate used can affect texture and tone.

"You wouldn't get that with a ceramic piece," McDowall said.

Joe Mitchell, 35, a land surveyor in Holmfirth, England, said the incense burner he bought from Concrete Goods in 2020 "started his love affair" with the material, and that he has since acquired other concrete décor, including trays and even a dining table that features it.

"Concrete can be smooth as glass, or rough and tactile," said Mitchell, who noted this range of textures is part of what attracts him to the material.

Candace Molatore, 26, a marketing specialist who lives in Portland, Oregon, said she started buying concrete vases and other vessels during the COVID-19 lockdown. She was drawn to the material by its muted tone, which she said helps make spaces "feel airy, bright, and light," and look more like those in Scandinavian homes.

Concrete dates back thousands of years. One the earliest remnants of the material, thought to be from 5600 B.C., was discovered in the mid-1960s along the Danube River in Serbia and was made of sand, gravel, water and limestone, according to the book "History of Concrete: A Very Old and Modern Material" by Per Jahren and Tongbo Sui One.

The authors write that much of the concrete used today is created using Portland cement, which Joseph Aspdin, a bricklayer from Leeds, England, received a patent for in the 19th century. It is typically made in a kiln using limestone, clay and other minerals.

Kate Balsis, 37, creative director and co-owner of Concrete Collaborative, an architectural finishing company in San Marcos, California, said concrete's evolution from an industrial material to one used to make décor coincides with a growing "interest in architecture and design happening for the average person that wasn't there 10 years ago."

"I don't know if it's Instagram or something else, but everyone has much more of an interest in it," said Balsis, whose company in 2017 started a sister brand, Concrete Love, that sells concrete jewelry, bowls, planters and other goods.

She believes that interest in the material also comes from an increased desire to connect with objects placed in a home. "People really want a story behind the product," Balsis said.

Concrete offers that because pieces made from it are often created by hand in small batches, while the process of making porcelain or other ceramics can be "really automated," said Mario Guagnelli, 52, a co-founder of IntoConcrete, which sells products made with the material by artisans around the world.

Because of this, it's often the case that no two concrete products are exactly the same.

"There's something about concrete that is very particular, and we've learned through the years that it's hard to mass produce," Guagnelli said.

ASK THE BUILDER

What you learn nosing around an old house

By Tim Carter
Tribune Content Agency

How could the underside of the subfloor in this old house be stained by concrete? The answer will amaze you. **TIM CARTER**

Days ago, I was in the basement of an old house with my son. We were looking at the boiler, the structure and the foundation walls. He's about to become a first-time property owner. For the past four years he's been renting a loft apartment, saving so he can make a sizable down payment.

I've got three children, and sadly only one of them is old enough to remember me going to building job sites every day. In fact, on quite a few Saturdays I took my eldest daughter with me to job sites to help me do small tasks and to give my wife a well-deserved break. My son and my youngest daughter only have memories of me sitting in front of a computer all day writing my syndicated column.

Because I was unable to immerse my son and youngest daughter into the job site experience, there's quite a bit they missed out on. I clearly remember explaining very interesting things to my eldest daughter, and she always had fantastic questions about things she saw on a construction site.

While we were in the basement of the old house, my son asked me, "Dad, what are those diagonal pieces of wood in between the joists that make the letter X?" I was impressed he spotted those. I explained that they are diagonal cross braces and their purpose is to make the floor above much stiffer. Believe it or not, those small 1x3 pieces of wood transfer a concentrated load resting on the floor above to the adjacent floor joists. It's simple yet effective structural engineering.

You'll find this diagonal bracing on just about every old home, but you rarely find it in new homes. I'm flummoxed why modern code officials have removed this requirement from the model building codes for the most common joist sizes. This isn't the only great building method that's been scrubbed from the code. That's why it's good to remember that the building code is a set of minimum standards, and you can always build something better and stronger than what the code says to do.

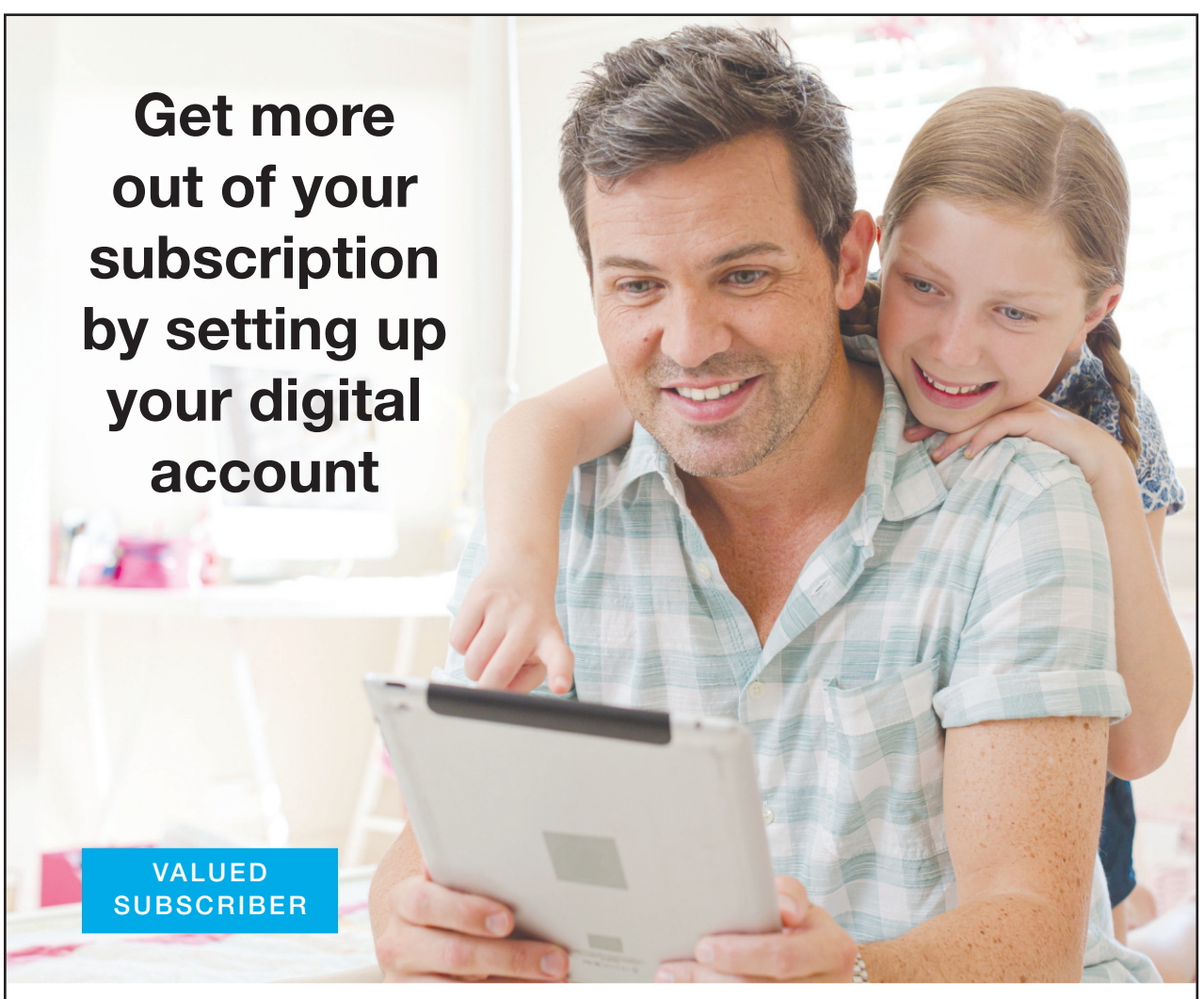
My son then noticed something else. "Dad, is something wrong with the subfloor on top of the floor joists?" he asked. "Is that some sort of fungus or rot?" He was referring to a few pieces of 1x8 board that had concrete cement residue on them. Well, I explained, you think recycling is a newer concept, but think again! Back 100 years ago, when this house was built, the carpenters often cast the concrete foundation. They'd use the ¾-inch-thick lumber to build the forms for the foundation. Several days after pouring the concrete, they'd carefully take apart the forms and salvage all of the lumber. They'd then use some of it to create the house subfloor and whatever was left over would be used on the walls and roof."

Next my son spotted the main support beam. "Dad, is this solid wood?" he asked. "It's massive." He was referring to a timber that measured 7 inches wide, 11 inches high, and 9 feet long. Yes, I told him, it's solid wood, and look at how few knots are in it. Back when this house was built, it was normal to use wood beams to support the floor joists above. Timber-frame houses and barns are still built today using stunning timbers like this.

Your takeaway should be that many old houses are very likely built better than what's being constructed today. But be careful how you define the word better. I'd love to have been around when the carpenters of old saw their first sheets of ¾-inch CDX plywood that replaced solid 1x6 and 1x8 sheathing. I'd love to have overheard the conversations of old plasterers whose helpers nailed on the thin lath strips when they saw the first sheets of ⅜-inch gypsum plaster lath boards that were 16 inches wide and 48 inches long.

There are countless building products and tools that are used today to build houses faster, but speed doesn't always equate to better quality. Still, I'll readily admit that just about any building product that helps save on energy costs with respect to heating and cooling a house is absolutely better than what was used 100 years ago when energy was so cheap builders didn't insulate homes.

I can already envision the hundreds of emails I'll get via the Ask Tim page at AsktheBuilder.com. Concrete foundation companies will let me know how they reuse their forms hundreds and hundreds of times. I'll hear all about the wonderful subflooring that resists water damage. No doubt I'll hear about the plastic-coated wall and roof sheathing and a plethora of other products that are superior to what was available to the builders in the early 1900s. I welcome all of these responses!



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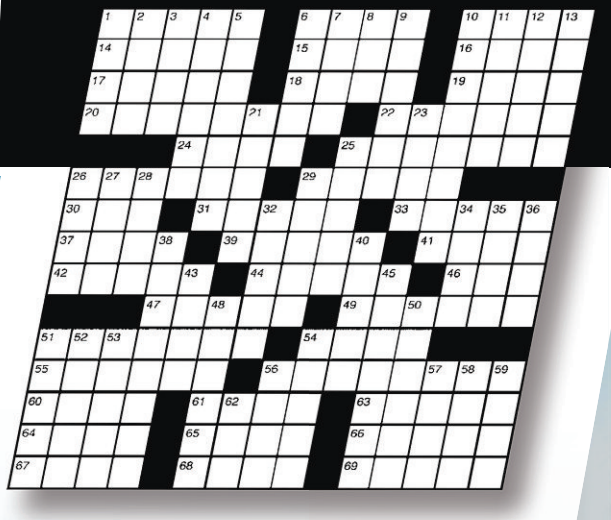

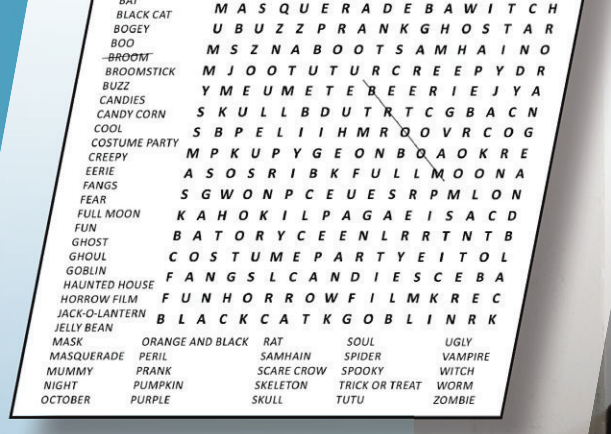

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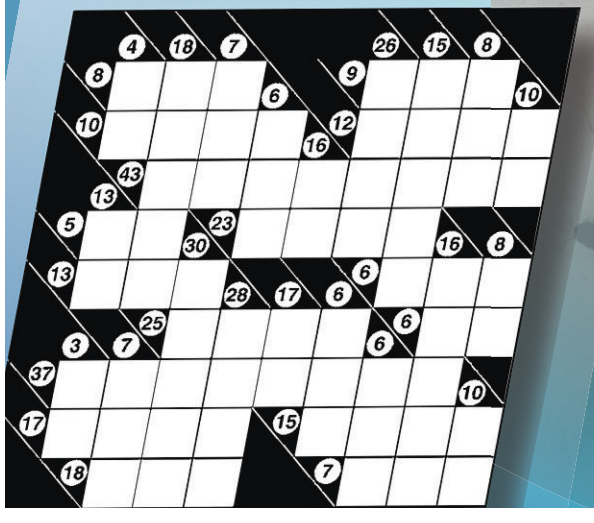

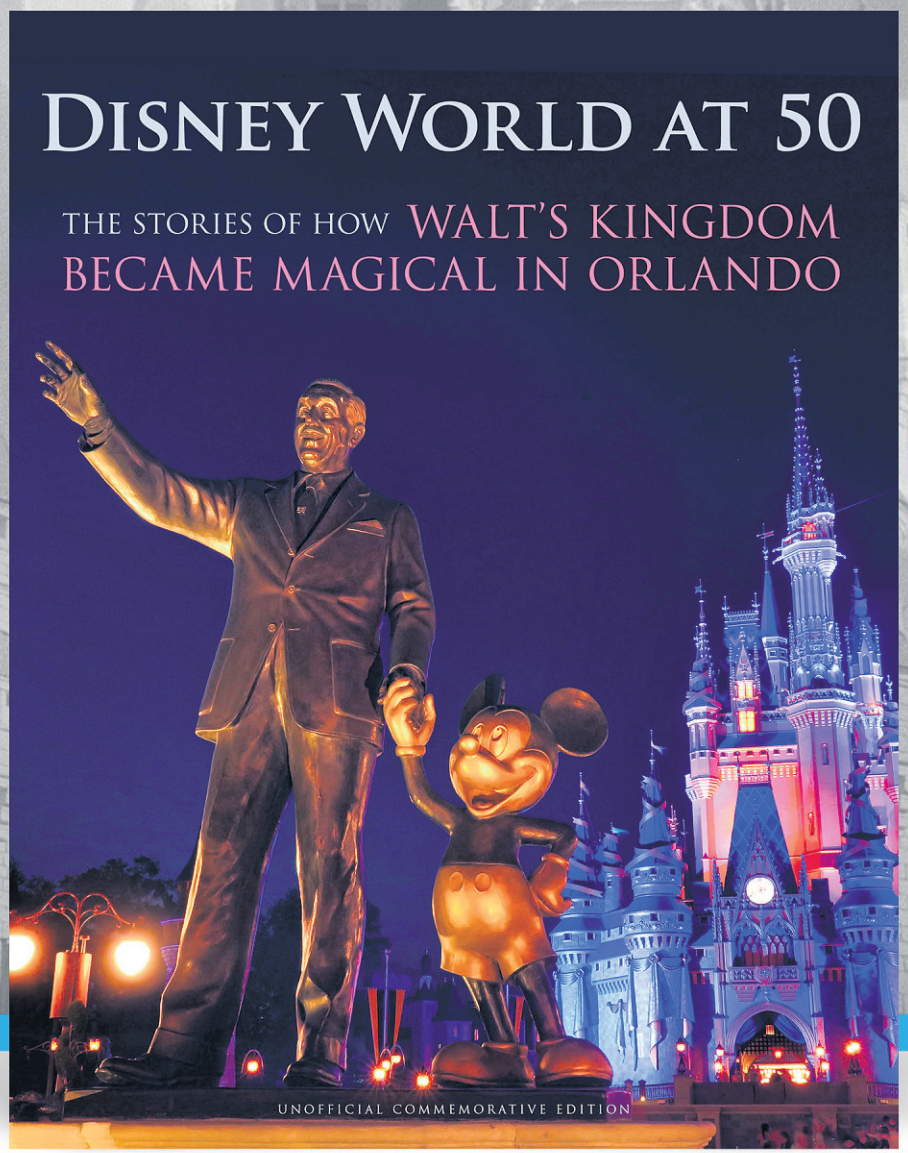

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Fill the grid so that every row, column, shaded diagonal, and 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. There is only one valid solution to each Sudoku grid. — *Crosswords Ltd.*

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Sudoku X 1

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Sudoku X 2

It's one thing to pull yourself up by your own bootstraps, but first you've got to be able to afford boots.

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Train Tracks

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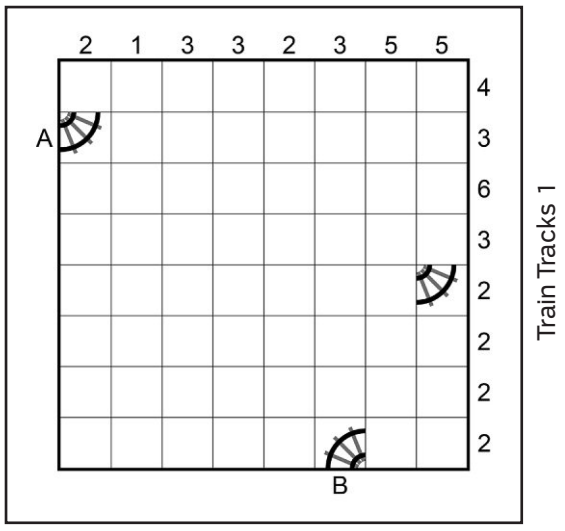

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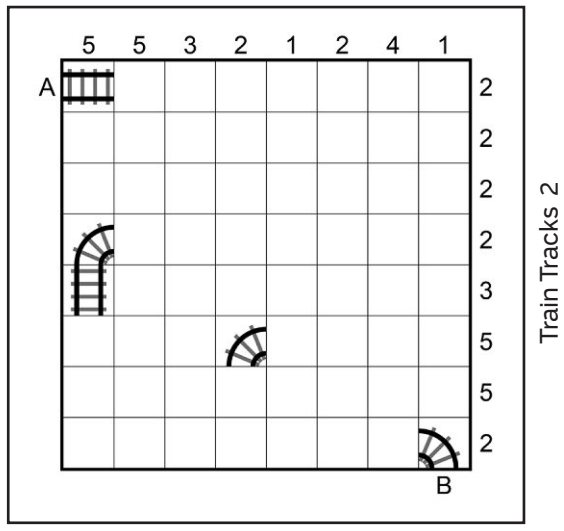

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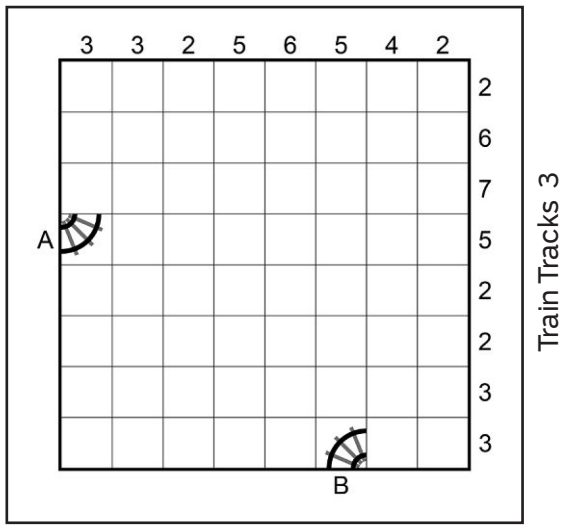

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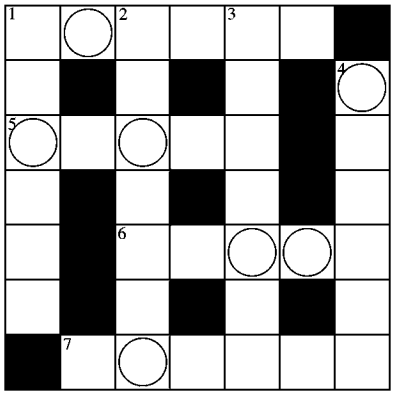

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Be faster than	NTROUU
5. Lemon ____	CEUJI
6. Bite, savor	TSEAT
7. Vendor	ELSLRE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Item, matter	BOCJTE
2. Barb, thorn	LHTSETI
3. Eating ____	ITUNLSE
4. Profession	EARECR

CLUE: The U.S. Department of ____ was formed in 1870.

BONUS ○○○○○○○

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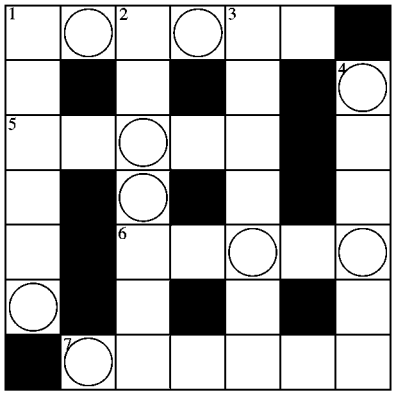

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Home to Sevastopol	MIACRE
5. Envy, crave	VOTCE
6. Mad	AREIT
7. ____ discussion	AHEDTE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Biked	YCEDCL
2. Bill	VECINIO
3. Take out	AXTERTC
4. Displease, insult	FDNOFE

CLUE: It took about five years to build the ____ ____.

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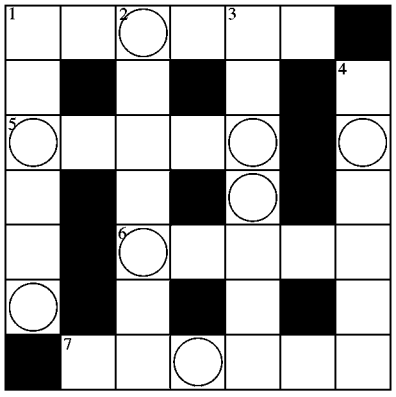

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Migratory insect	CLSUTO
5. Putty ____	FIKNE
6. Praise, acclaim	DSKUO
7. False	UURETN

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Probable	LLYKIE
2. Broiled ____	HNCICEK
3. Skinny	RLESEND
4. Chase after	SPUEUR

CLUE: ____is one of four U.S. states constituted as a commonwealth.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○

How to play Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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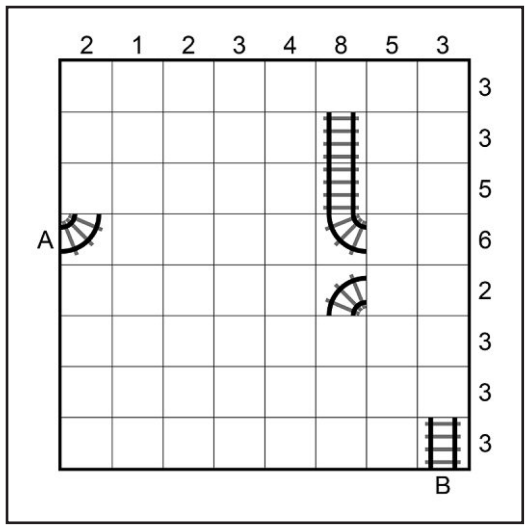

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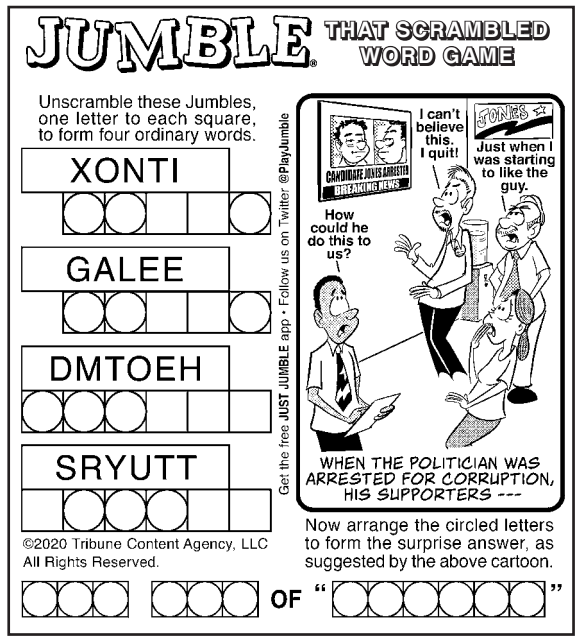

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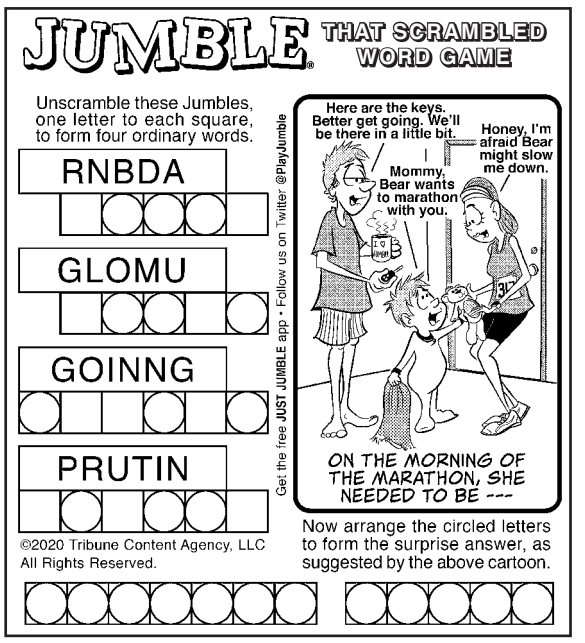

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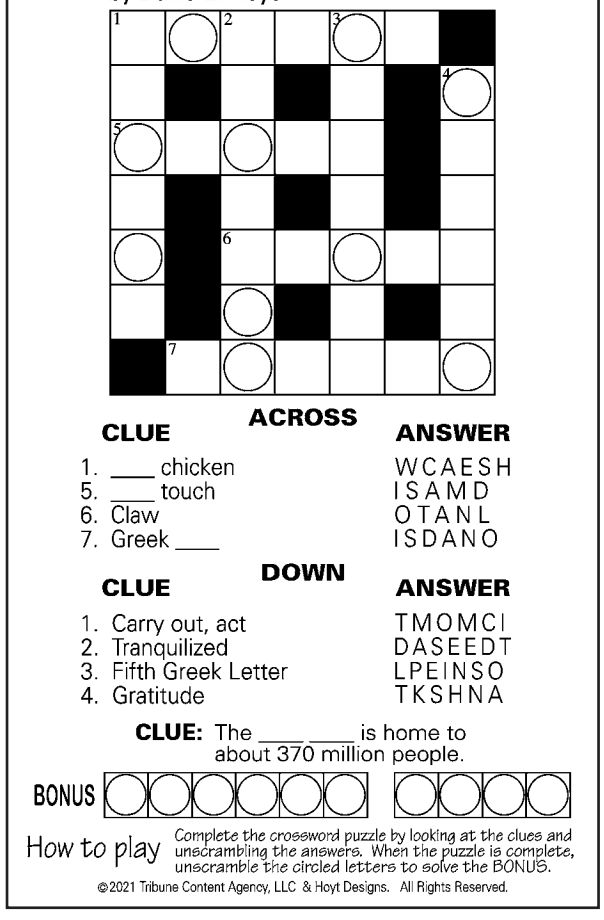

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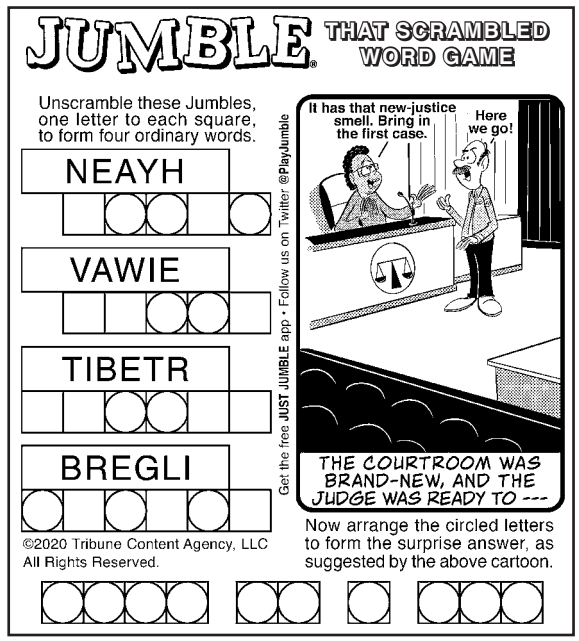

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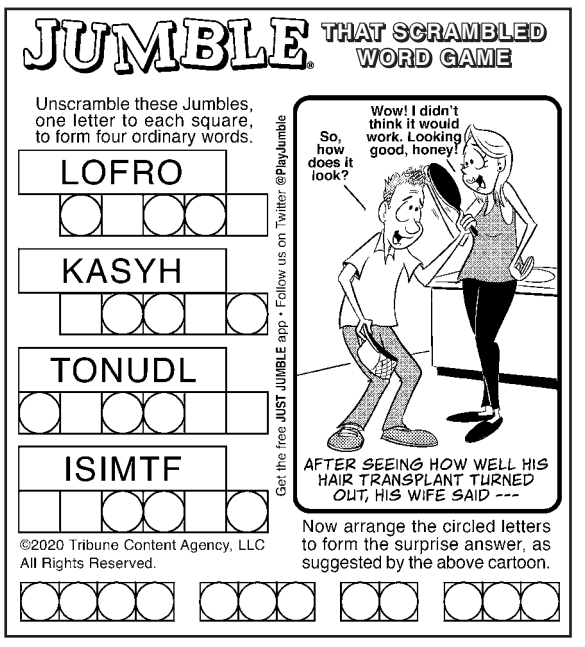

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You can't climb to the top of the corporate ladder without getting a few splinters along the way.

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Jumble

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

NYERST

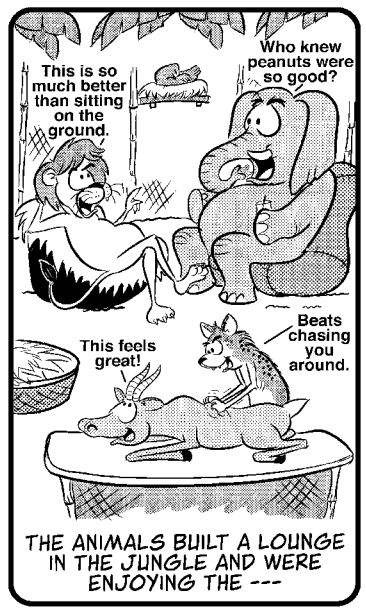
NFTIAN

CYOUCP

TRMEAU

NLNAAU

ROOWRB



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Jumble 5

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SERUUP

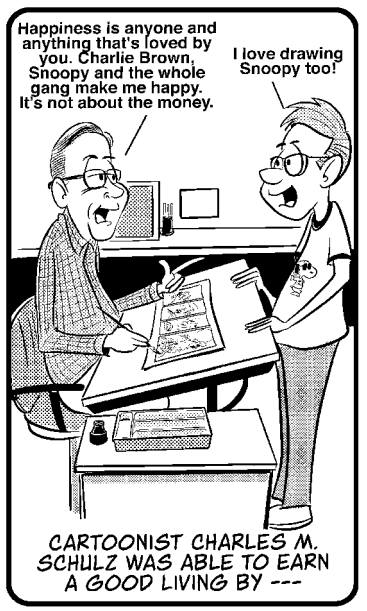
WHGORT

CURPES

FCLIEK

AMENOB

HNIWIT



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PLIAAM

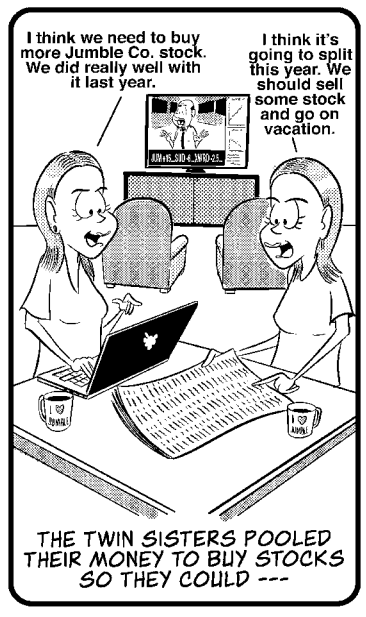
SAREOC

PHNHEY

RYANLE

SCAAUB

GNTIKH



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AND

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LAPWLO

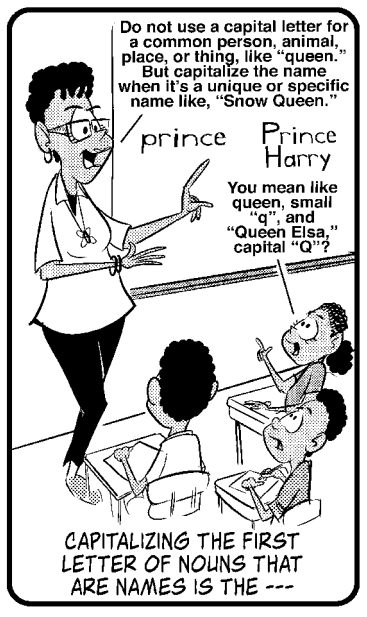
OHRATU

RYTOWH

VESPIL

LDUPED

TREEWT



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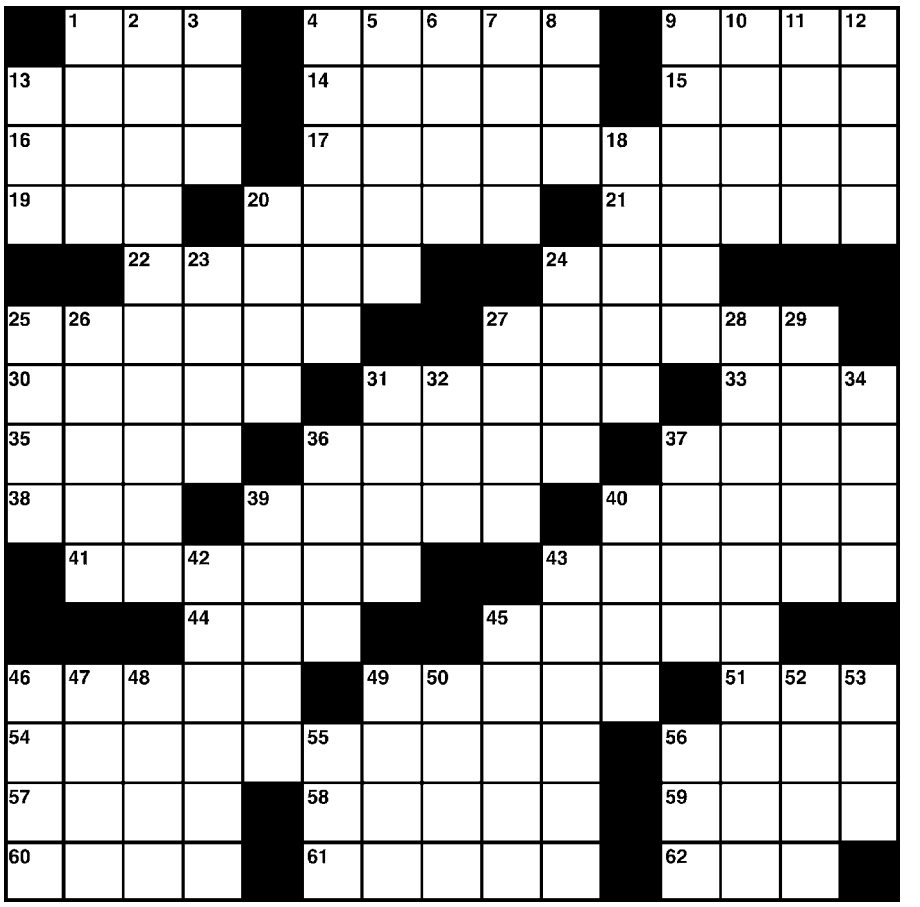

ACROSS

1 Unruly crowd
4 "It's __!"; words of agreement
9 Dumfries resident
13 Surfboard support
14 Paper cup brand
15 What __ you; other things
16 Open-__; vigilant
17 Too exhausted from labor
19 Traditional piercing spot
20 Iron
21 Docks
22 England's dollar
24 Vaseline, for one
25 Mischief-makers
27 Olsen of football & TV fame
30 Place of relief
31 Andes mammal
33 Currently
35 Tilt to one side
36 __ up on; studies about
37 Mr. Arnaz
38 Afternoon hour
39 "Home on the __"
40 Builds up a nest egg
41 Schoolkid's compositions
43 Luxurious; extravagant
44 Prefix for print or place
45 Parking pro
46 "The Beverly Hillbillies" star
49 Hawaii or Alaska
51 Opening trio
54 Guffaw
56 Suffix for suit or laud
57 __ out; escape in a parachute
58 Bicker
59 Detective's tip
60 Totals
61 Smarter
62 Peg for Mickelson

DOWN

1 Poet Angelou
2 Raised highways
3 Flower garden
4 Beautifies
5 Plunged in headfirst
6 Former mates
7 Televises
8 Actor Ayres
9 Like a piercing scream
10 Birthday party dessert
11 Think __; ponder
12 Koppel & Knight
13 "__ Willie Winkie"
18 Musical drama
20 Litter members
23 Fail to include
24 Opals & jades
25 Sing alone
26 Actor Michael
27 Created
28 Certain to happen
29 Beaks
31 Camera's eye
32 Remain behind
34 "When You __ Upon a Star"
36 Sunbeams
37 Actor Annable
39 Like umbrella weather
40 Store event
42 Aromas
43 Shaving cream
45 Unclear; obscure
46 Diminishes
47 Actor Bridges
48 __ down; diet successfully
49 Calcutta dress
50 Pulls hard
52 U.S. flag color
53 So-so grade
55 Regulation
56 Part of a play

Dating tip: Don't ever swipe right on profiles where they describe themselves as perky or sassy.

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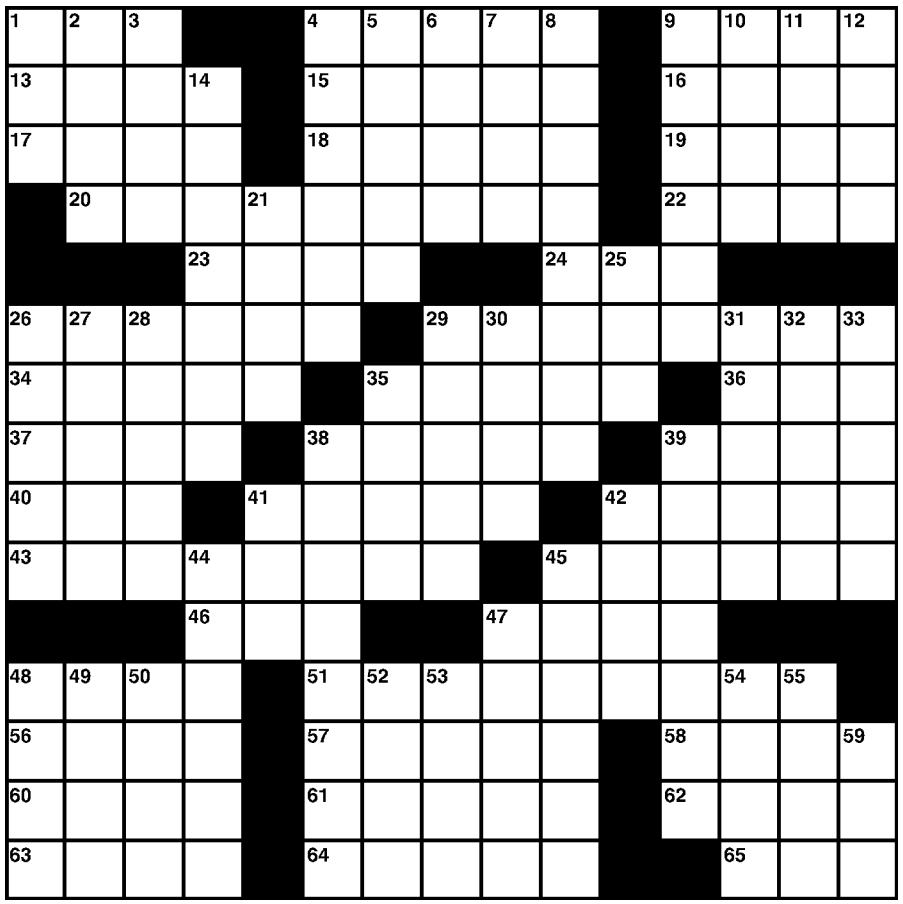

ACROSS

1 __ Diego, CA
4 More competent
9 Con game
13 Applies frosting
15 Hidden treasure
16 Bar mitzvah dance
17 Yellowish wood
18 Musical sounds
19 New Testament book, for short
20 One who writes plays
22 Punctuation mark
23 Georgia __; univ. in Atlanta
24 Jamie __ Curtis
26 Wild shrill cry
29 Delightful
34 "__ Your Wagon"; Broadway musical
35 Seashore
36 Depart this life
37 Pleurisy's place
38 Daybreaks
39 "I've __ Working on the Railroad"
40 "__ Now or Never"
41 Cone-shaped abode
42 Harmony
43 One nearing adulthood
45 Tureen utensils
46 "__ Father, Who art in heaven..."
47 Orange peel
48 Bull: Sp.
51 "Evita" setting
56 Passionate
57 Keaton or Ladd
58 Silent assents
60 Sickle __ anemia
61 Part of Poe's name
62 Stare
63 Patella's place
64 Good buys
65 Chop down

DOWN

1 Take a load off
2 __ it; got a hole in one
3 __ miss; close call
4 Physical assault
5 Thin soup
6 Anderson of "WKRP in Cincinnati"
7 12/24 & 12/31
8 Fidgety
9 Window coverings
10 Comic actress Imogene
11 Carney's namesakes
12 Loretta Swit sitcom
14 Rink activity
21 TV's "__ the Press"
25 Polish off
26 Banana __; ice cream treat
27 Terre __, IN
28 Dishwasher cycle
29 Might
30 Walkway
31 Just right
32 Female relative
33 Tierney & Hackman
35 __ of Good Hope
38 Belittled
39 Blankets & sheets
41 Plato's "T"
42 Breathe heavily
44 Head, slangily
45 Ocean __; cruise ships
47 Of kidneys
48 Small nail
49 __ mitts; potholders
50 Anger
52 __ away; gallop off
53 Very excited
54 Ark builder
55 Shaping tool
59 Stitch

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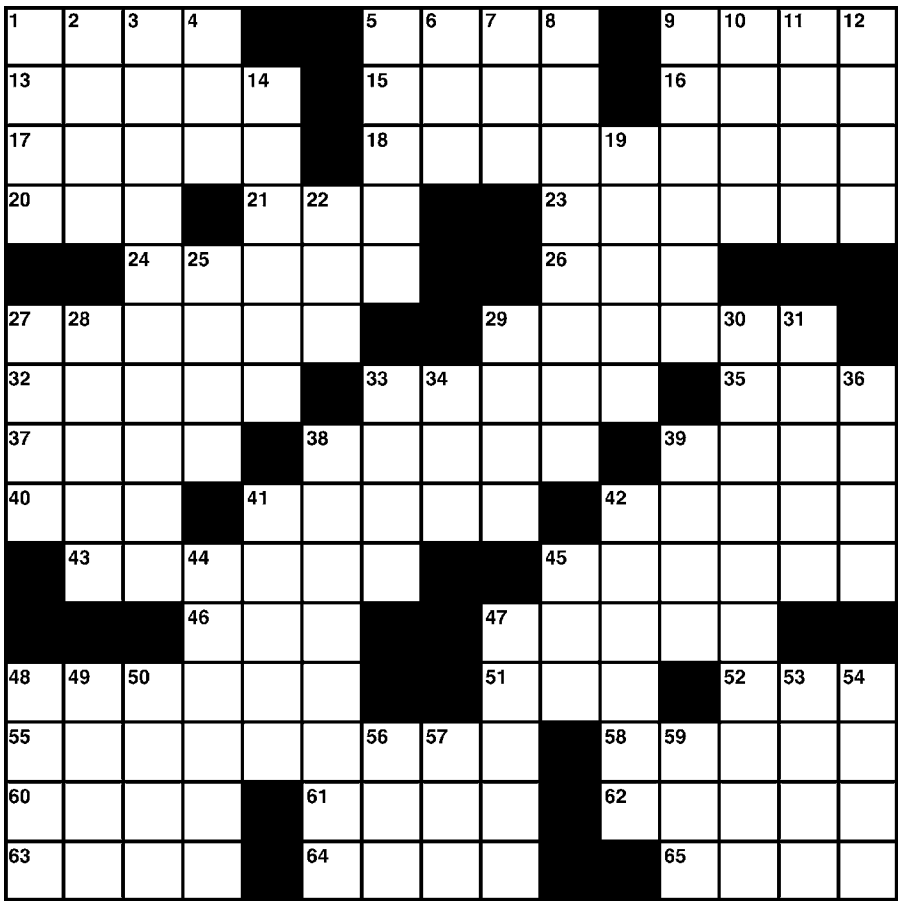

ACROSS

1 Tenth grader, for short
5 Babysitter's bane
9 To boot
13 Lop-__ rabbits
15 In a __; hurried
16 Conceited
17 "__ Line Is It Anyway?"
18 Too muffled to be understood
20 Adder's result
21 TV's Arthur
23 Rump __; cuts of beef
24 Not rural
26 __ idly by; fail to act
27 Iced pastry
29 Loafers
32 Motherless calf
33 Procrastinate
35 Sup
37 Pleased as punch
38 In a playfully shy way
39 __ bloods; aristocrats
40 Up until this time
41 Shoe parts
42 Tied up
43 Choose
45 Noisy quarrel
46 Live __; Georgia's state tree
47 Breakfast side order
48 African antelope
51 Rainbow's shape
52 Everyone
55 Mushroom
58 Els of golf
60 Hasn't a __; is stumped
61 A single time
62 Foot warmers
63 __ on to; saved
64 Cheerios ingredients
65 Stingers

DOWN

1 Sutures
2 Honolulu's island
3 Make known to many
4 "For __ a jolly good fellow..."
5 Actor Keith
6 __ into; meet unexpectedly
7 As clear __ bell
8 Tomorrow
9 Fly a plane
10 Good-natured dogs
11 Gritty residue
12 Uno and eins
14 Actress Reynolds
19 Lacy mat under a vase
22 Word attached to plugs or drops
25 Sudden attack
27 Uptight
28 Natalie & her dad
29 Troubles
30 Hesitancy
31 Health club offering
33 Dimwit
34 Pupil's place
36 Turner & Kennedy
38 Large parrot
39 Feathery scarves
41 Sea lions
42 Teeth straighteners
44 Very rich
45 __ the birds; ridiculous
47 "Grimms' Fairy __"
48 Eczema symptom
49 Internal spy
50 Newman or Reiser
53 Take a fancy to
54 Not as much
56 __ pedestal; lovingly honored
57 Fall month: abbr.
59 Burglarize

Beware of politicians who promise pie in the sky. It's bound to be half-baked.

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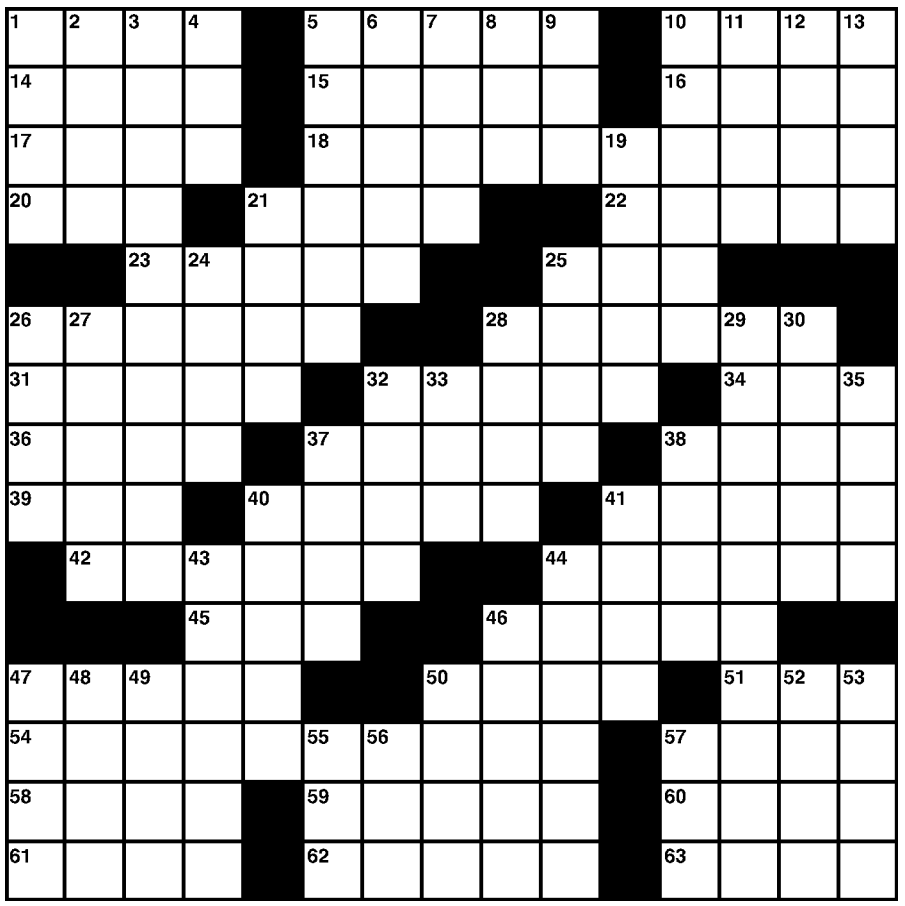

ACROSS

1 Smooch
5 Slide over on the bench
10 Worry
14 __ along; move slowly
15 Item in a purse or pocket
16 Tush
17 "__ Breaky Heart"; Billy Ray Cyrus hit
18 Remorse
20 __ Paulo
21 Pizzas
22 "Malcolm __ Middle"
23 Refueling ship
25 "Joan of __"; Ingrid Bergman film
26 Cane alternative
28 Snoozes
31 __ at; tried to shoot
32 "A rose by any other name __..."
34 __ amok; went wild
36 Lupino's namesakes
37 Actress Field
38 Song sung alone
39 __ up; ease
40 Actress Bo
41 Pool toys
42 Whispered confidence
44 Pastor's territory
45 "Tie a yellow ribbon round the ole __..."
46 Permissible
47 Thin piece of leather
50 Humongous
51 Toward a ship's stern
54 Introducing
57 Suffix for detest or predict
58 Vienna's nation: abbr.
59 On a __; overindulging
60 Hightail it
61 Mosquito __; tropical bed tents
62 Performed
63 Enlarge a hole

DOWN

1 Optima & Sorento
2 Early Peruvian
3 Kid in the next desk
4 Timid
5 More agile
6 __ on; root for
7 Klutz's word
8 Half and half
9 Reasonable bedtime
10 Brigitte Bardot's birthplace
11 Ripped in two
12 Every
13 Arbor Day planting
19 In need of a nap
21 Begged
24 Eisenhower & others
25 Supportive friend
26 Cry loudly
27 Assistants
28 Mope
29 Cost-effective
30 Sprinkles at the table
32 Where to apply Compound W
33 Olsen of Vaudeville
35 Have a snack
37 Look for
38 Dress for Indira
40 Curtain
41 Churchill Downs event
43 Seasides
44 __ out; stuffed oneself
46 Sudden forward thrust
47 Bridge
48 __ or false test
49 Take a nap
50 Helpful tip
52 Small wingless insect
53 Abound
55 Org. for Clippers & Cavaliers
56 __ Tac; breath mint
57 Chad's continent: abbr.

Quote-Acrostic

HOW TO SOLVE: Define clues in Words column. Transfer letters to diagram. Quotation reads across; first letters of Words column form acrostic of speaker's name and topic.

CLUES **WORDS**

A. What can I ___ these leftovers: 2 wds. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
123 127 69 7 138 25 96 80

B. Possession ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
26 85 107 49 100 15 74 116 39

C. Beat it!: 3 wds. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
2 57 101 77 30 92 154 146 133 37

D. Voiceless ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
58 72 144 10 152 33 103

E. Nonintellectual ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
64 89 11 48 19 84 132

F. Reduce, as sound ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
65 17 149 87 38

G. TV Beulah ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
125 5 150 159 90 109 46 60 70

___ ___
137 82

H. Mumble ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
3 99 20 95 63 126

I. As extreme anger: hyph. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
86 139 111 79 21 93 98 120

J. Medieval guild ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
35 102 1 47 68

K. Upper canine ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
151 131 71 24 119 97 6 83

L. Go over again ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
141 104 45 23 112 61

M. Theory of beauty ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
122 44 73 88 114 153 59 12 28

N. Angry with: 2 wds. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
108 51 32 134 14 42

O. Differently ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
41 143 29 53 8 124 78 105 94

P. Extra person: 2 wds. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
34 54 158 128 91 67 110 75 142 13

Q. Grope, in speech: 3 wds. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
121 136 76 106 27 157 40 4 56

R. Hire ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
129 52 113 22 36 66

S. Vigorous e.g. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
156 148 81 118 9 62 18 130

T. Home of Democracy ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
147 115 140 16 50 43

U. Began, as a meeting ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
55 31 145 117 155 135

■	■	1 J	2 C	■	3 H	4 Q	5 G	6 K	7 A					
8 O	■	9 S	10 D	11 E	■	12 M	13 P	14 N	15 B					
16 T	■	17 F	18 S	19 E	■	20 H	21 I	22 R	23 L					
24 K	25 A	26 B	27 Q	28 M	29 O	30 C	31 U	■	32 N					
33 D	34 P	35 J	■	36 R	37 C	38 F	■	39 B	40 Q					
41 O	42 N	43 T	44 M	■	45 L	46 G	47 J	■	48 E					
49 B	50 T	51 N	52 R	53 O	■	54 P	55 U	56 Q	■					
57 C	58 D	59 M	60 G	61 L	62 S	63 H	64 E	65 F	66 R					
■	67 P	68 J	■	69 A	70 G	71 K	72 D	■	73 M					
74 B	75 P	76 Q	■	77 C	78 O	79 I	80 A	■	81 S					
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105 O	■	106 Q	107 B	108 N	■	109 G	110 P	111 I	112 L					
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129 R	130 S	131 K	■	132 E	133 C	134 N	135 U	136 Q	137 G					
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146 C	■	147 T	148 S	■	149 F	150 G	151 K	152 D	■					
153 M	154 C	155 U	156 S	■	157 Q	158 P	159 G	■	■					

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by Erv Kaczmarek

There's no substitute for experience. That's why career politicians make the best crooks.

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CLUES	WORDS
A. Home laundry instruction: 2 wds.	61 141 75 4 163 29 15 121 91 54 102
B. Evening visibility	60 130 47 154 86 123 38 95 142
C. Conceited	156 138 103 111 125 33 45 62 88 76 30
D. Listening ___; all ears	153 51 124 96 9 119 70 144 78 36 133
E. Breeze, in Britain	19 122 112 83 155 50 64
F. Bicycle part	74 42 18 98 151 113 93 134
G. Multi-laned route	27 140 39 59 6 49 106 97 117 160
H. Conscience-stricken	13 21 65 44 104 132
I. Chicago Loop transit	143 7 116 16 26 127 80 157
J. High-strung	77 147 118 11 28 108 126
K. Dog that hunts by sight	92 158 71 149 25 5 53 14 110
L. Doorsill	82 46 99 145 3 162 107 37 66
M. 'It's ___ Doody Time'	115 20 1 57 87
N. Devised or originated	68 81 148 129 56 139 114 8
O. The N in NATO	131 43 146 69 89
P. Franconia ___, NH	137 40 23 58 152
Q. Having hoofs	48 73 165 41 85 32 94 17
R. Authoritative command	34 90 159 101 55 24 2
S. Cut on the slant	22 12 79 72 109
T. Allen of the Green Mountain Boys	10 63 135 84 164
U. Abundantly	150 136 67 128 100 31
V. Stout stick	105 161 35 120 52

1 M	2 R	■	3 L	4 A	5 K	6 G	7 I	8 N	■															
9 D	10 T	11 J	12 S	13 H	■	14 K	15 A	16 I	17 Q															
18 F	■	19 E	20 M	21 H	22 S	23 P	■	24 R	25 K															
26 I	27 G	■	28 J	29 A	30 C	31 U	■	32 Q	■															
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42 F	■	43 O	44 H	■	45 C	46 L	47 B	48 Q	49 G															
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by Pat Cohen

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Sunday Crossword Puzzle

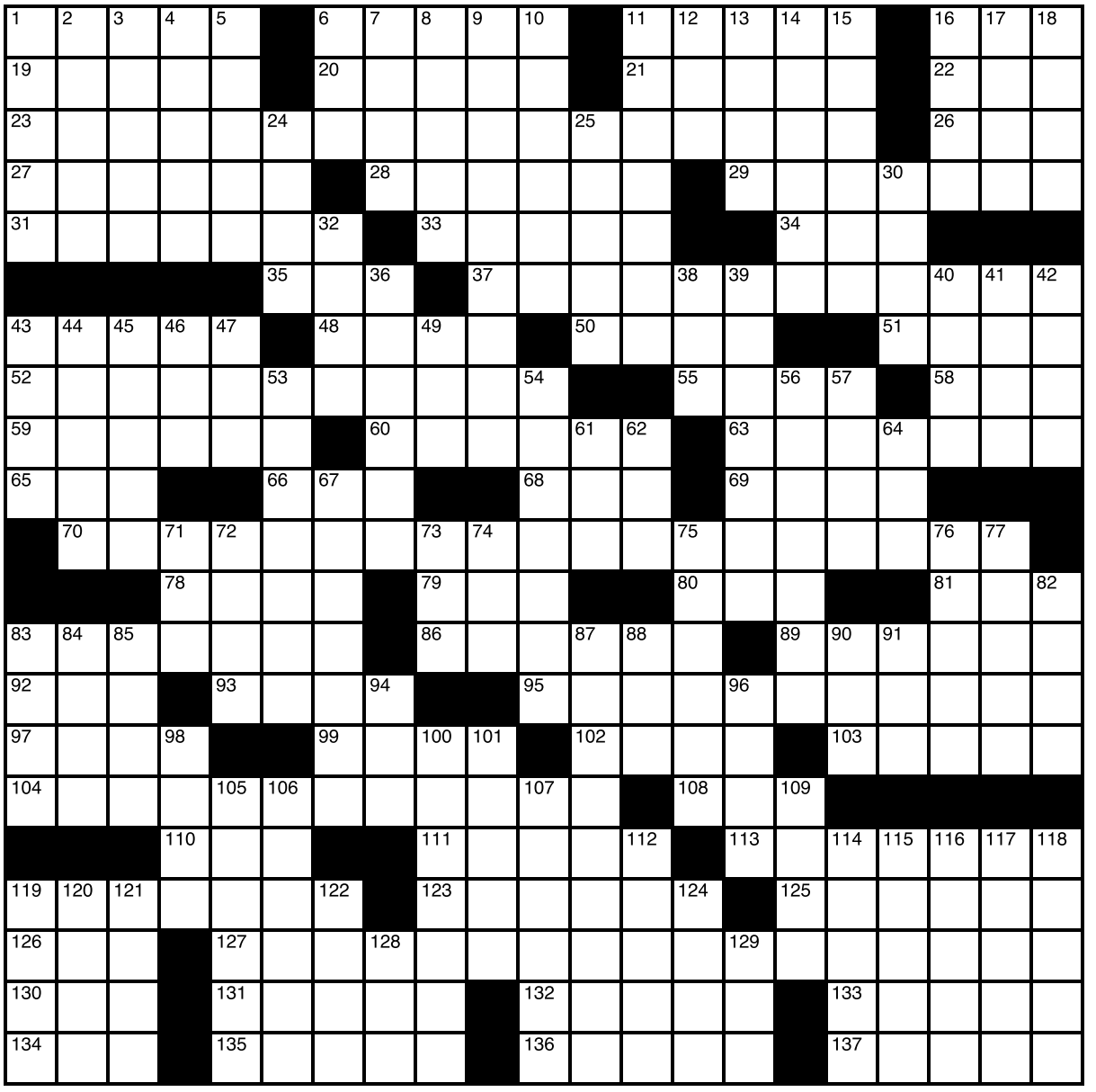
"EU TRADE"
By JIM HOLLAND

ACROSS

1 Dutch actress Verbeek of "Outlander"
6 Chews (on)
11 "Point Break" plot, e.g.
16 One coming out
19 Type of eye layer
20 348-seat Parisian body
21 __ drab
22 Talkative fighter
23 Red misplays?
26 Three sheets to the wind
27 Completely
28 Lab do-over
29 Gophers and gardeners, say
31 Word from the French for "clear the table"
33 It's usually the hit
34 DDE's domain
35 Cry during an argument between siblings
37 Golf pro's instructive stroke?
43 Hard shoe
48 Inventory acronym
50 Greek portico
51 Slaughter of old baseball
52 Loser who finds a silver lining?
55 Online marketplace
58 "__ Believer": '60s hit
59 Prius producer
60 Becoming an item, maybe
63 Worrisome engine sound
65 __ Paulo
66 Furious state
68 Thieves' home?
69 Major Hindu deity
70 Mysteriously-appearing debris?
78 Mark not to play
79 Red or Black
80 Red Baron's conflict, briefly
81 Berlin article
83 Like Earth
86 Call for assistance
89 Annoying type
92 "__ du lieber!"
93 The littlest bit
95 Groans from a Russian egg producer?
97 Virginia __
99 End notes
102 Level-headed
103 Takeoff times?
104 Big Apple mongrels?
108 Easy mark
110 Short brew?
111 Indian wraps
113 Lowered in dignity
119 Marshmallow-filled snack
123 Medium condition?
125 Looking up
126 Many get snacks during them
127 Confusion about who really won an international competition?
130 Med. lab letters
131 "So long"
132 Small-truck company
133 Freshwater bulrushes
134 Menu general
135 Pelé's first name
136 Snidely Whiplash look
137 Playoff rankings

DOWN

1 Clear
2 Sheepish?
3 Big tops, e.g.
4 Folded food
5 Upper crust
6 "Catch 21" airer, initially
7 Approaching
8 Starts a pot
9 Stay put until the storm ends
10 "Venerable" Eng. monk
11 Something in your eye
12 Mor. neighbor
13 Stack
14 Score-tying shot
15 Starts over
16 "Lobster Telephone" artist
17 Tahari of fashion
18 Pieces' partners
24 Regular at Sam's bar
25 "__ directed"
30 Gloomy Gus
32 Vegan staple
36 Fungal plant coating
38 Low-tech weed whacker
39 Consumes without cooking
40 __ price
41 One in a researcher's stack
42 Title derived from "Caesar"
43 Some NCOs
44 Like a delirious crowd
45 Catfish habitat
46 Nebraska native
47 Saigon holiday
49 OTC drug regulator
53 Is unsuccessful in
54 Finished 50% (of)
56 Typographer's concern
57 Arizona county or its seat
61 Classical beginning
62 African antelope
64 19th Greek letter
67 Follow again
71 Frat guy
72 Composer Bartók
73 Language suffix
74 Good place for driving
75 Some junior high students
76 Marsh plant
77 Word before ball or after figure
82 Untouchables leader
83 Old MacDonald surely had one
84 Big name in frozen treats
85 Sound of relief
87 Choosing to skip
88 Many a CEO's credential
90 20-volume ref.
91 Francine's "For sure"
94 __ Pérignon
96 Part of CD-ROM
98 With 122-Down, Eagles classic
100 One involved in a sweeping gesture?
101 Pong maker
105 Hinder
106 Complained
107 Expanses of land
109 Salon offering
112 Quick bread choice
114 Ring features
115 When required
116 Move like a crab
117 Fished with pots
118 Scold, with "down"
119 Parlor purchase
120 What gamblers weigh
121 Scandinavian capital
122 See 98-Down
124 Sommer of cinema
128 Prefix with cardial
129 Patriotic org.



You know the world is moving too fast when you start getting nostalgic for last month.

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Sunday Crossword Puzzle

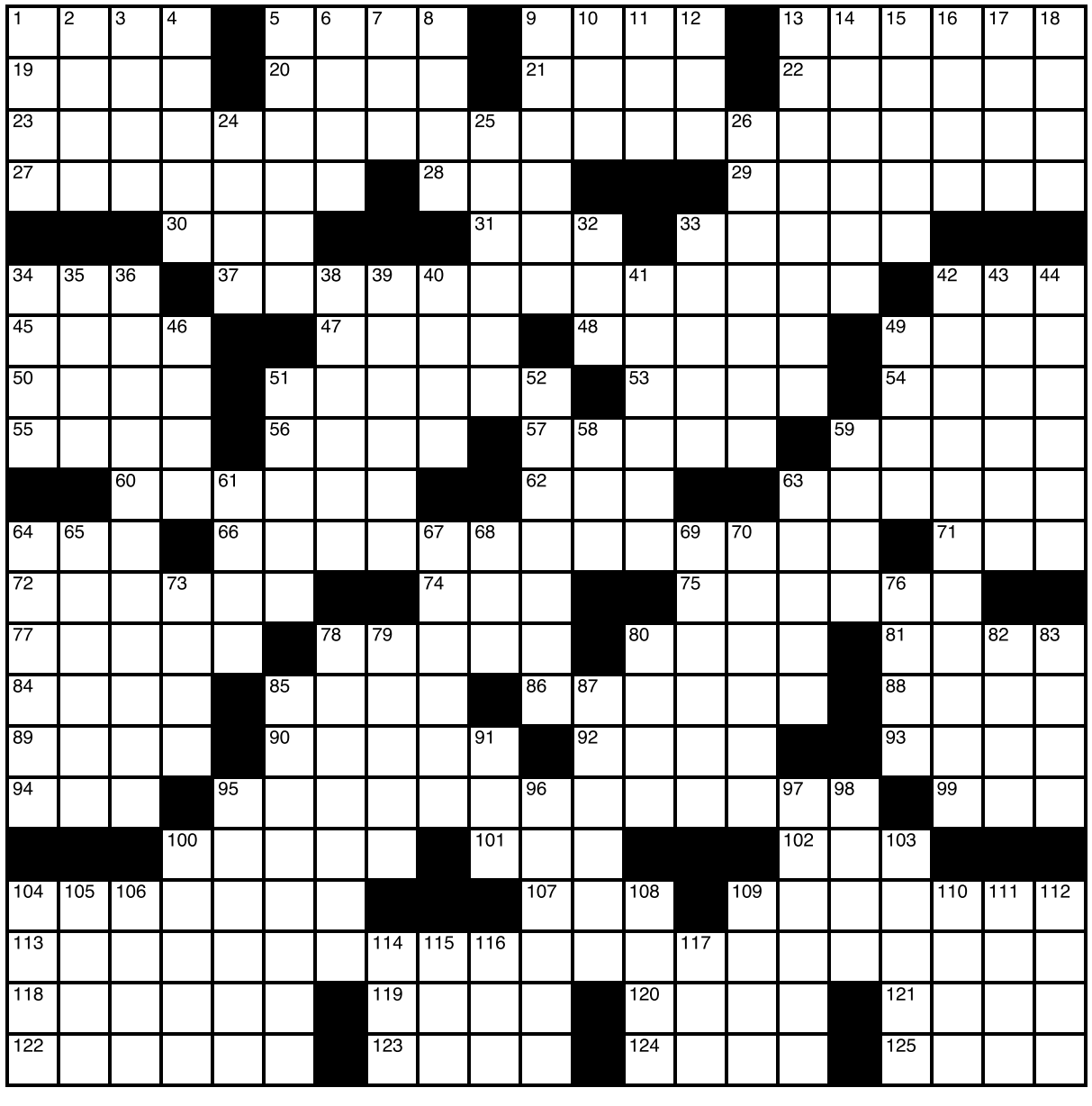
"GOING GREEN"
By MATT McKINLEY

ACROSS

1 Boxer who defeated Holyfield twice
5 Contentious shoulder piece?
9 Equal-split offer
13 Rugby tussles
19 Lang. of Livorno
20 Border Patrol city of the Southwest
21 Three Rivers river
22 "That's enough!"
23 Green
27 Samson's betrayer
28 Pub bud
29 Apostle also called Levi
30 Habit wearer
31 Happy eating word
33 Kewpie and kachina
34 Kings, e.g.
37 Green
42 Not a Crimson fan
45 Break-in sound?
47 Hawaiian goose
48 Prepare to take off, perhaps
49 Printer function
50 Premier League soccer anchor Rebecca
51 Nissan model
53 Ownership proof
54 Suffragist Julia Ward __
55 Terrible year?
56 Metal containers
57 Heart and soul, e.g.
59 Slapped-on restraints
60 Cremona Christmas
62 AEC successor
63 Beast in a Beatles' title
64 Iowa summer hrs.
66 Green
71 Land in the Seine
72 Try again
74 Really irritate
75 Bully's words
77 Come to __
78 Tenth of a grand
80 Part of a cook's job
81 Recognized
84 Pacific island nation
85 Winter truck attachment
86 Zoomed past
88 Unproductive
89 Walked
90 "Mean Girls" actress
92 Jim Davis canine
93 "The Nutcracker" dip
94 Sad sound
95 Green
99 Himalayan beast
100 Until now
101 One of the 91-Down
102 Moving wheels
104 Needing bailing out, maybe
107 60 secs.
109 Museum works
113 Green
118 Allowing for the possibility that
119 With 109-Down, obsession
120 Hot message
121 Against-the-wind sailing maneuver
122 Handy reference
123 Springlike, as weather
124 Skip-a-round privileges
125 Barrie's bosun

DOWN

1 Texas city nickname
2 Siouan tribe
3 Interactive Facebook feature
4 Diminutive
5 Roxane's lover
6 One may come over a crowd
7 Prankster
8 Name of six popes
9 Ballpark staple
10 Yellowfin tuna
11 Three-time Tony winner __-Manuel Miranda
12 Daze
13 Blew big-time
14 In a snippy manner
15 Falling-outs
16 Bryce Canyon locale
17 Clock-climbing trio
18 Slow cooker dish
24 Jewish month after Av
25 Hide seeker
26 Appalachian range
32 The NCAA's Spartans
33 1971 American Airlines debut
34 Ice cream treat
35 Self-help website
36 Green
38 1936 Literature Nobelist
39 Vacation home for dogs?
40 QBs' concerns
41 Bring about
42 Green
43 Allowed
44 Actually existing
46 Southwest formation
49 Synagogue
51 Word with way or case
52 Wings
58 Frodo pursuer
59 Psychiatrist Jung
61 Spot during a program
63 Reacting to a tearjerker
64 Skillfully makes
65 2003 AFI Life Achievement Award recipient
67 Promise
68 Acquire
69 Kind of skiing
70 He has the answers
73 Geraint's beloved
76 Decide not to attend
78 Intimate with
79 Like seven Nolan Ryan games
80 Mani mate
82 Lamb pen name
83 Common pay period
85 End-of-season games
87 Shylock's adversary
91 Citi Field team, on scoreboards
95 __ de corps
96 Filled in
97 Throws out
98 Like many basements
100 Together
103 Homes in the woods
104 Bakery specialist
105 Porto-__: Benin's capital
106 Shake __: hurry
108 Accident investigation agcy.
109 See 119-Across
110 Eliot's "__ Bede"
111 Track event
112 Youngster
114 Edge of a canyon
115 Star Wars initials
116 Smartphone no.
117 Ferdinand II of Aragón, por ejemplo



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Sunday Crossword Puzzle

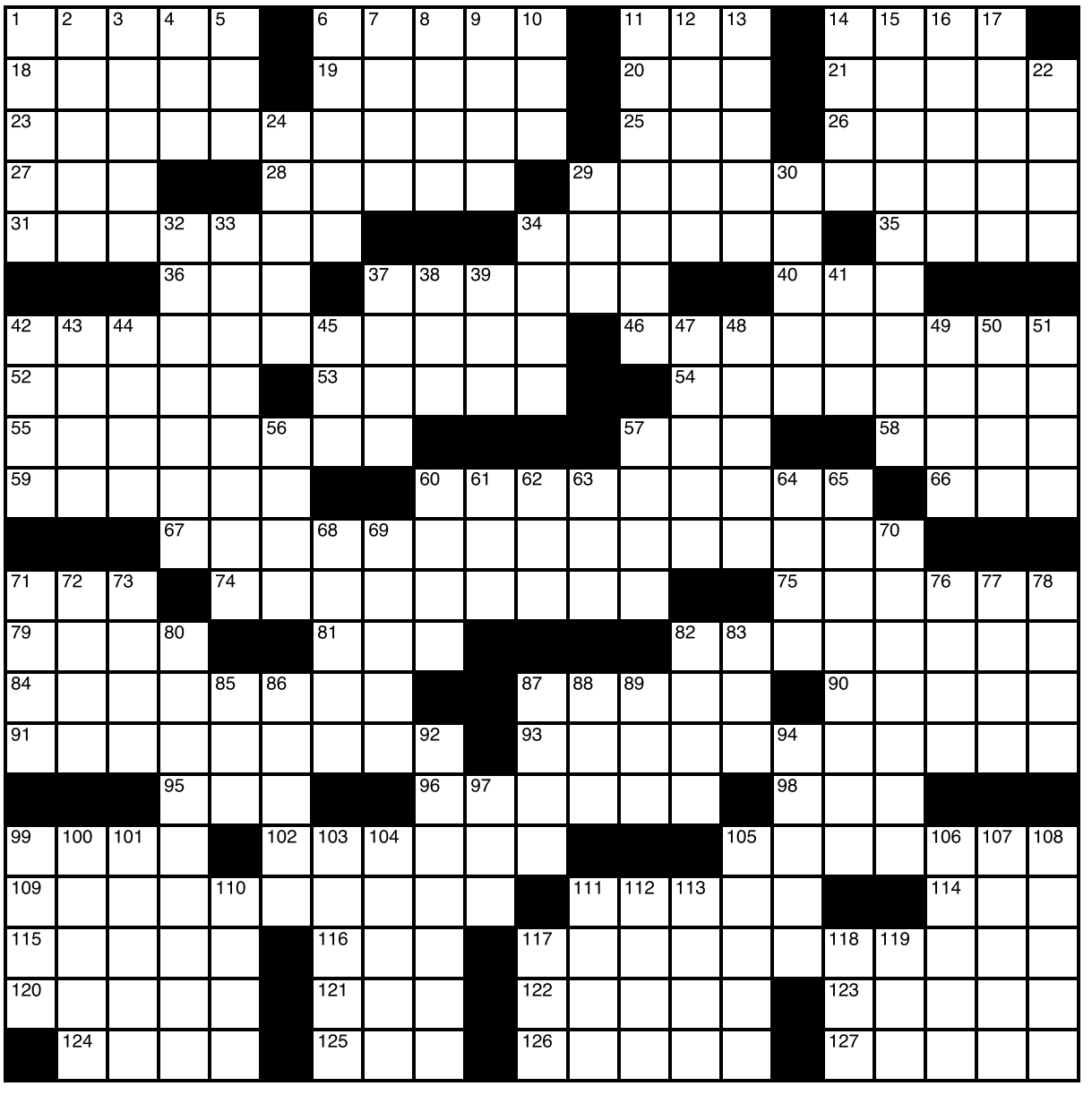
"POLLINATION"
By JASON MUELLER

ACROSS

1 "Behind the __ I'll convey myself": Polonius
6 Base near home
11 EMT skill
14 Judge's seat
18 Hardwood tree
19 Fail to make use of
20 WC
21 Prayer opening
23 *Henry James heroine
25 Top of a scepter, perhaps
26 "Three Tall Women" Pulitzer playwright
27 German university city
28 Initial payments
29 *Hip-hop artist with the 2014 #1 hit "Fancy"
31 Pays attention
34 Delivery pros
35 One taking a selfie
36 AP rival
37 "Cold one over here, please"
40 Campaign funding org.
42 *Youngest NBA player to win the MVP
46 Big risk taker
52 Happening
53 Studio supporter?
54 Remote, as a road
55 Dwindle
57 Divested (of)
58 Bird in Saint-Saëns' "The Carnival of the Animals"
59 1912 Olympic legend
60 2007 IHOP acquisition
66 Barrett of Pink Floyd
67 *Bashful one
71 "NCIS" was spun off from it
74 Key movie scenes
75 60-year-old Mattel classic
79 Since
81 D.C. VIP
82 Pocatello natives
84 Korean rice dish
87 Designer Geoffrey
90 Keats, for one
91 "These go to eleven" band
93 *"Under the Net" novelist
95 Prefix with Pen
96 Nab
98 Pocatello-to-Provo dir.
99 Borscht veggie
102 Approached
105 Go back in
109 *Looney Tunes girlfriend
111 "The way I __ ... "
114 Creature found atop the apt part of each answer to a starred clue
115 Pine Tree State campus town
116 __ Diego
117 *Add unneeded ornamentation
120 Some, in Stuttgart
121 Bit of work
122 Saying
123 Big fight
124 Palindromic Latin verb
125 Rehab woe
126 Palindromic court star
127 Creases

DOWN

1 "Idol" judge replaced by DeGeneres
2 "Around the Horn" host Tony
3 French coronation city
4 Coolers in windows, briefly
5 Timid
6 Target Field team
7 Cease
8 Bermuda, e.g.
9 GPS data
10 Aachen article
11 Blocked, as a drain
12 Gershwin title lover
13 One-named Swedish pop singer
14 Ruth's husband
15 Allowing admittance anywhere, as a pass
16 Highborn
17 Angler's basket
22 Reason to shake
24 Overexcited
29 Watson creator
30 Vail alternative
32 Tina and Lana
33 Mel Blanc's "That's All Folks" et al.
34 Pitcher Hershiser
37 Donkey sound
38 Dawn deity
39 Linguistic suffix
41 Citrus suffix
42 Skillful
43 Cole Porter's "Well, Did You __?"
44 Make over
45 Mauna __
47 Suspect's story
48 Copland ballet with a hoedown
49 Gives one's word
50 "It could happen"
51 Allow to use
56 "The Way We __"
57 Guns
60 Like, with "to"
61 Dessert option
62 __ Park: Pirates' field
63 Part of XL: Abbr.
64 Site of Napoleon's exile
65 Fish in the genus Hippocampus
68 Where __
69 Hip-hop's Salt-__
70 Walked-on
71 Some punches
72 Take __ of: taste
73 Mongolian desert
76 Scott of "Charles in Charge"
77 Etched: Abbr.
78 Bk. read at Purim
80 Tweaks
82 Research ctr.
83 JFK, say
85 Plan, with "out"
86 Pancakes sometimes served with caviar
87 What Superman first looked like?
88 Prior to, in poems
89 Grafton's "__ for Evidence"
92 Sliced-off parts
94 "He that __ many words shall be abhorred": Eccl.
97 Coffee order: Abbr.
99 Fraternal org.
100 Strange
101 Preppy jackets
103 Abated
104 Aside (from)
105 Ceremonies
106 Govt. security
107 Caught congers
108 Judy of "Devious Maids"
110 Support for glasses
111 Facet
112 Israeli airline
113 Margin
117 Energy metaphor
118 "Unbelievable" rock band
119 Celestial lion



The early bird catches the worm, if that's your idea of breakfast.

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ArrowWords

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows.
When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal the mystery word.

Foot part	Swamp	Unruly mob	High and low water lines	Once more		Brewery product	(6)	Gumbo vegetable	Poetic form	Star _	(3)	One or more
						Not secret						Religious sch.
Unworldly	(7)					Abbott's first baseman		Periods of time / Chinese philosophy	(9)			
Beneath the waves			(5)								Bobbing goals	
					Nursery		Innate		America's uncle			
Inflame		Statue part		Assembly-line worker						Two that match		Ancient Persian
Shame		(2)				Ventilate		Party bowiful	Dilution meas.			
Paving material				Bargain hunter's scene						(1)		
				60's dress style			(4)		Roadside bomb			
Cubicle furniture	Aromatic compound	(8)					Boxer's winnings					

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Marconi's medium		Pasture barrier		Prepare, as a gift		Author Bagnold	Odometer button	(6)	Joyful shout		Store's stock	Young louse
(1)				Plan afresh								(8)
Kind of sale		Indian flat bread					Firebird maker		Hawaiian dish			
Traveler's stop	(7)	English weight		Weapon in Clue					Kitchen item / Catch			
				(4)	Past due							Outline
Upper house	Pull down		Like fine wine		Ardor	Line to sign		Chill / Actress Thompson				
						Pot brew				Loan letters	Luau souvenir	
Cherub					(3)	Old Chevy						(2)
		(5)		Actor Baldwin					Chest muscle			
At large		Loud noise				Stephen King classic		(9)				

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Sudoku

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. — The Mepham Group

Gentle

5			4		2			3
			9	5				
	3			6				
	7					1		
3	6		8	7	5			4
		9					5	
				3			6	
				2	1			
2			7		4			8

Sudoku 1

Gentle

7		2			3	8		4
				8			3	
			7	1			5	
9								7
3			6		8			9
5								6
	3			7	9			
	7			4				
4			1			2		5

Sudoku 2

Moderate

			9	8			2	
	7		1				9	3
	8							
				5		1		
	2	4				3	7	
		5		3	1			8
							3	
7	9				8		1	
	4			7	2			

Sudoku 3

Simon Shuker's *Code-Cracker*

Each number in our Code-Cracker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet (for example, today 26 represents D). You have two letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the matching squares in the main grid and solve the starter word. Fill in other squares in the main and control grids with the found letters and look for the next word. Follow the word trail through the puzzle to its completion.

1	■	2	■	3	■	■	■	4	■	5	■	6
7	8	9	6	10	11	■	8	7	12	12	10	11
13	■	14	■	13	■	7	■	15	■	9	■	9
13	7	11	7	1	14	16	■	10	17	18	9	8
10	■	1	■	19	■	20	■	17	■	10	■	11
1	14	17	10	■	4	21	14	17	10	■	■	■
7	■	19	■	13	■	14	■	10	■	1	■	7
■	■	■	8	14	1	1	19	■	16	3	7	1
7	■	22	■	12	■	1	■	23	■	9	■	1
24	14	10	22	10	■	10	25	10	16	21	1	10
14	■	12	■	7	■	26	■	12	■	4	■	23
26	14	22	10	12	1	■	23	14	24	3	7	5
10	■	10	■	23	■	■	■	1	■	1	■	1

1	14
2	15
3	16
4	17
5	18
6	19
7	20
8	21
9	22
10	23
11	24 **S**
12	25
13	26 **D**

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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Tough

4								
5	6		7	2	3			
		3	8				6	
		5		3				9
3								1
1		9		5		8		
	9				6	3		
					7		1	2
								5

Sudoku 4

If at first you don't succeed, pretend you never tried in the first place.

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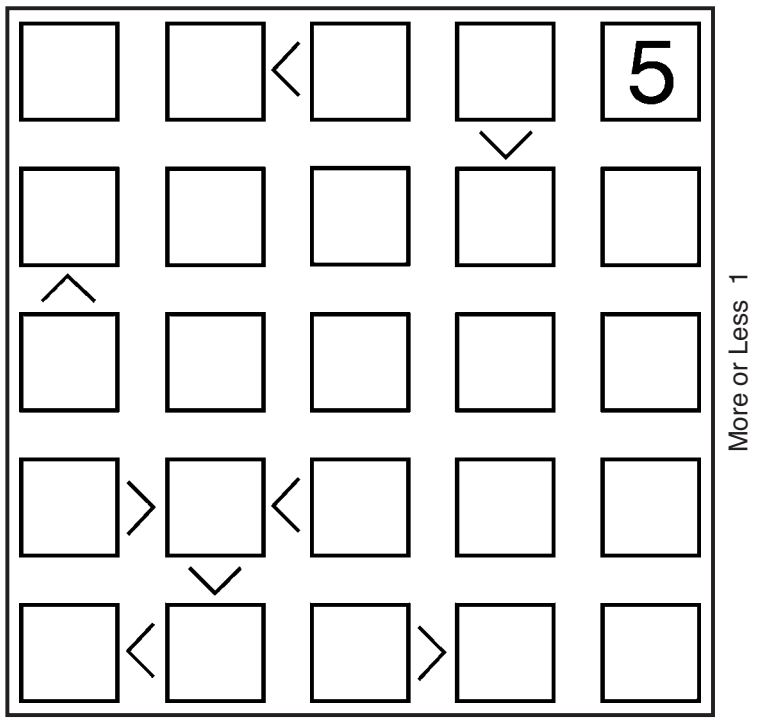
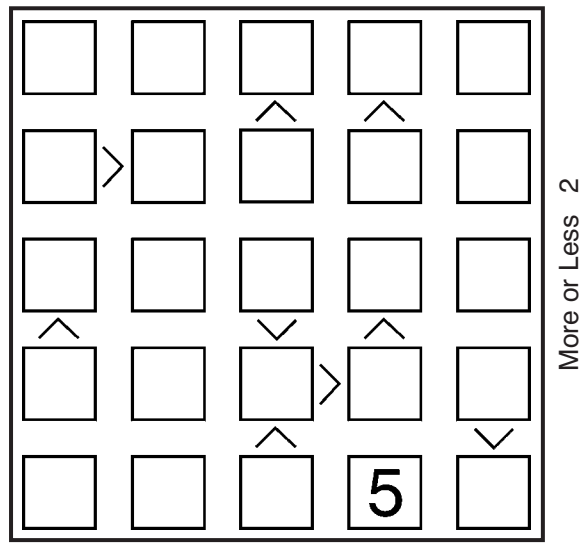
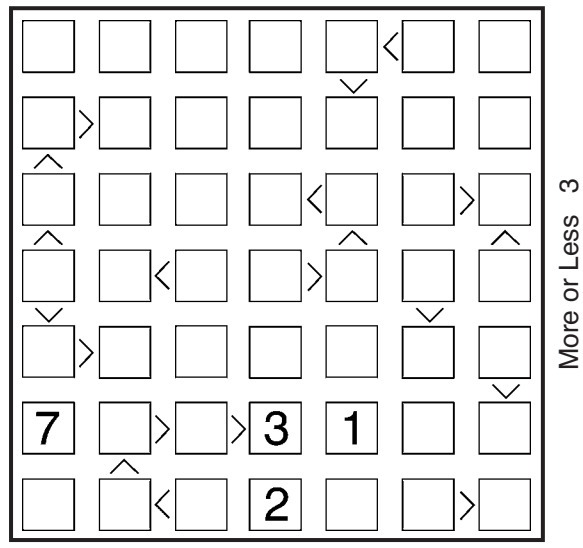
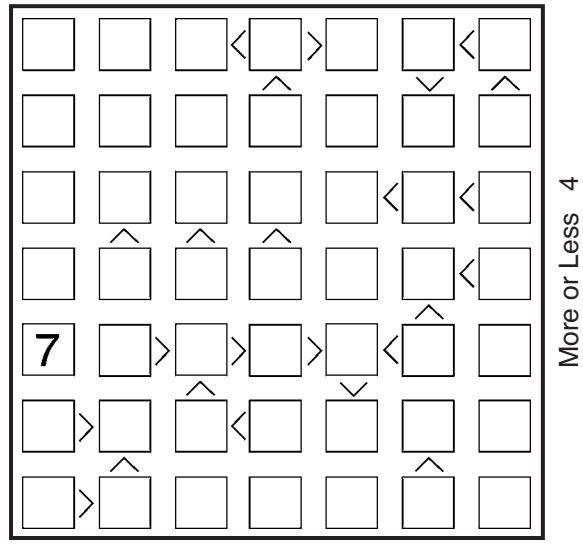
More or Less

Each digit can appear only once in each row and column but still follow the > or < signs. — Knight Features









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9	10	11	12	13	■	14	■	15	■	16	■	4		2	15
17	■	18	■	19	17	2	5	9	7	15	16	20		3	16
12	11	4	■	11	■	7	■	21	■	16	■	9		4	17
9	■	13	22	7	16	5	8	■	13	23	9	17		5	18
15	■	■	■	23	■	4	■	5	■	16	■	■		6	19
24	16	2	14	4	17	■	5	4	19	9	14	25		7	20
■	■	11	■	2	■	8	■	14	■	■	■	11		8	21
26	5	11	12	■	6	11	5	4	25	11	■	2		9	22
9	■	5	■	13	■	8	■	25	■	6	9	2		10	23
13	11	8	4	12	19	4	5	4	■	6	■	4		11	24
23	■	9	■	9	■	14	■	2	5	4	25	13		12	25
4	13	23	16	8	9	23	4	■	■	5	■	13		13	26

F

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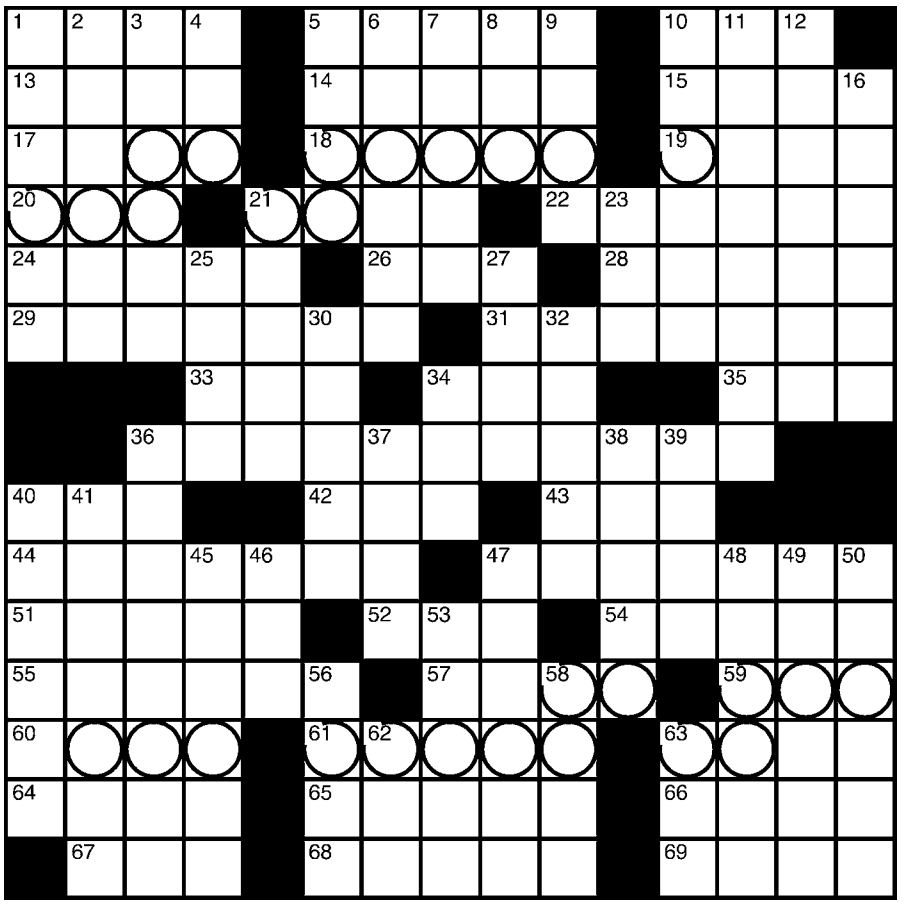
Daily Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Drains of strength
5 Hoops player
10 Immortal Middle-earth dweller
13 Suffix with switch
14 Gladiator's realm
15 Henry __, who had six marriages
17 Gets an A on, as a test
18 Bench __: exercise
19 Red sky at morning, to a sailor
20 Long. crosser
21 Darjeeling and oolong
22 Fire stirrers
24 Writer Wharton
26 "Indubitably!"
28 Hawk's nest
29 Shrinks back
31 Like a student arriving ten minutes after the bell, as opposed to five
33 "Golly!"
34 Greek cross
35 Old PC component
36 Midmorning work time-out, and a hint to this puzzle's circles
40 Santa __ winds
42 Convert (hide) into leather
43 Dada pioneer Jean
44 Roasted holiday birds
47 Clickbait links, e.g.
51 Movie critic, when giving stars
52 As well
54 Religious belief
55 Hider's location-revealing words
57 Japanese wrestling
59 Half a Latin dance
60 Put __ on: limit
61 Fashion designer Emilio
63 Christmas carol
64 Toy building block
65 Sir __ Newton
66 Word-of-mouth
67 Bear's shelter
68 Chili con __
69 Moistens

DOWN

1 Putty, for example
2 Video game area
3 Written in verse
4 Sailor's "Help!"
5 Flowing garb for Batman
6 Orderly arrangements
7 Sextet after the golden rings
8 USN rank
9 Abrasive tool
10 Brought to mind
11 Funny five-line verse
12 More passionate
16 Newspaper leaflet, say
21 Porch pirate, for one
23 Rowboat mover
25 Like takeout food
27 Wild guess
30 Southpaw
32 Surrounding glows
34 Decalogue number
36 Rome's Punic Wars foe
37 Toward sunrise
38 Muse of poetry
39 Church recess
40 On __ basis: for testing purposes
41 Characterized by subtle distinctions
45 Not turn off
46 Be wrong
47 Bird on a Froot Loops box
48 "Sing another one!"
49 Warm up, as leftovers
50 Hems and haws
53 Grouchy Muppet
56 Large-scale tale
58 Computer devices bearing little resemblance to their real-life namesakes
62 Can. neighbor
63 "It's __ or never"

Middle age: When your animal magnetism reverses polarity.

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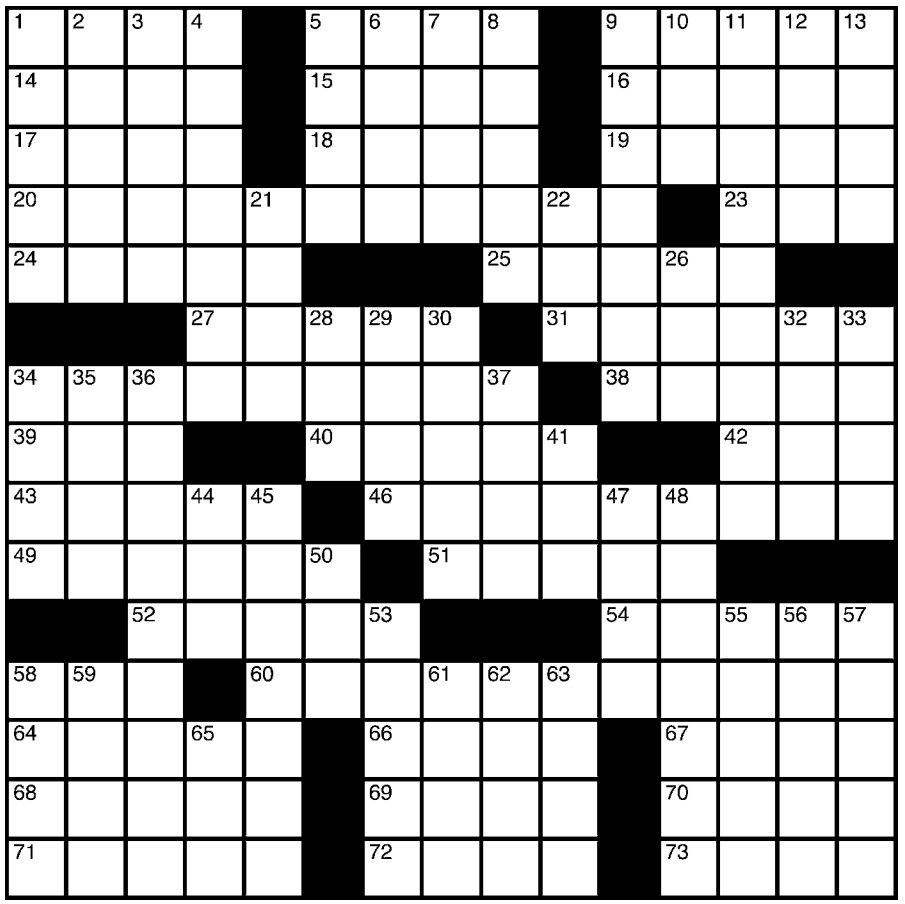
Daily Crossword Puzzle



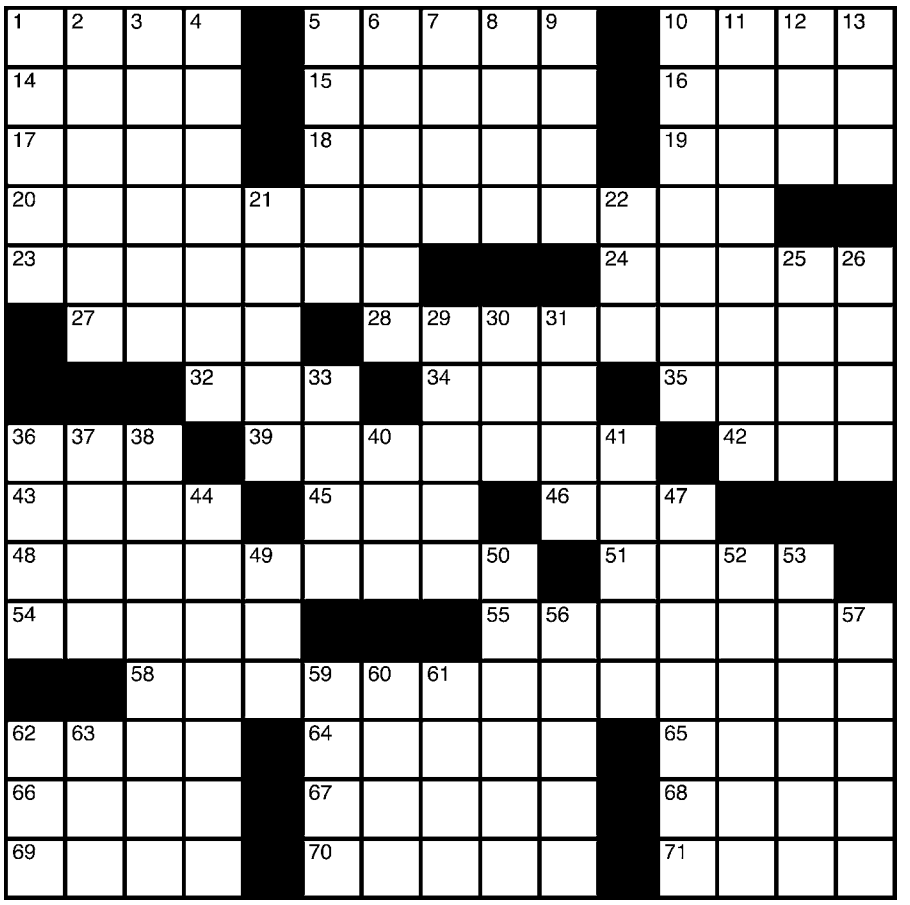
ACROSS

1 Sound of disbelief
5 Feature of some debit cards
9 Ford Fusion, e.g.
14 Latin "others"
15 __ erectus
16 To the point
17 Wander aimlessly (about)
18 Israeli carrier
19 Pisces follower
20 Be noisy, or equip for tennis?
23 Brewery tub
24 Admin. aides
25 Tickle pink
27 Beauty contest prize
31 Ready for dinner
34 Enjoy oneself, or be ready for tennis?
38 Upside-down "e," in phonetics
39 Dictator Amin
40 Shenanigan
42 Gridiron "zebra"
43 Chocolate source
46 Sue, or leave for tennis?
49 Requires Febreze, maybe
51 "Les Misérables" escape route
52 Cosmopolitan spirits
54 Order to a sloucher
58 Classic Jaguar
60 Be helpful, or enjoy playing tennis?
64 __ Gras
66 Chief Asgard god
67 Sentence structure element
68 Crime that might involve accelerants
69 Sit in park, say
70 Spilled the beans
71 Online magazine with a "Dear Prudence" advice column
72 Hair salon supplies
73 Relaxing resorts

DOWN

1 Ray type
2 Identity-concealing name
3 Jockey's apparel
4 Bob Ross accessory
5 Singer with a Best Actress Oscar
6 Hi, in Barcelona
7 Apple desktop
8 Music genre with accordions
9 Easter Island sights
10 End of a musket?
11 Convenience for diners on the go
12 Well out of the harbor
13 Chick site
21 Tibet's continent
22 First-responder letters
26 Cul-de-__
28 Lawyers' org.
29 Struck the bell
30 Singers below mezzo-sopranos
32 Decorative pitcher
33 Nutty
34 Minute Maid fruity juice boxes
35 NBA commissioner Silver
36 The other way around
37 Miller __: beer brand
41 "Don't have a __, man!"
44 Teléfono greeting
45 Long-established
47 Prefix with pool or pit
48 Points in the right direction
50 Tackle a slope
53 Circumvent
55 Unit being deployed
56 Throat dangler
57 Remains unsettled, as a payment
58 Dec. holiday
59 Two-time NBA MVP Malone known as "The Mailman"
61 Whirlpool
62 Dominoes piece
63 Smallest bills
65 Part of an ellipsis

Daily Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Construction guideline
5 Pitfalls
10 Bible book that chronicles the conversion of Paul
14 Rake prong
15 Soprano Fleming
16 Fluctuate
17 500 sheets of paper
18 "I'm on __!"
19 Access, as a computer program
20 Combat
23 Characterized by
24 Provide parenting for
27 Art Deco icon
28 Compel to land, as a plane
32 Massage therapist's employer
34 Penn. neighbor
35 Handling the situation
36 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
39 Coffee cup insulators
42 Texting format, for short
43 "Boogie Nights" actor Reynolds
45 Night school subj.
46 Fashion plate
48 Red or white unit
51 Put one over on
54 Islamic denomination
55 Oregon city near the mouth of the Columbia
58 Speaking Spanglish, say ... or a hint to what's hidden in 20-, 28- and 48-Across
62 Competent
64 Suck-up
65 Afrikaans speaker
66 Shiraz's land
67 Make one's case
68 Cupid's wings
69 Anti-DUI org.
70 Tango moves
71 "This is for you"

DOWN

1 Guitar support
2 Missouri River capital
3 Fill with affection
4 Fixes in place
5 Activist's handout
6 Install new shingles on
7 Quote book abbr.
8 Ill-gotten gains
9 Move for money
10 Guacamole ingredient
11 Underwriting?
12 Roman three
13 Many a crossword clue: Abbr.
21 Ocean trenches
22 Fury
25 Enjoy the pool
26 Tonsillitis-treating MDs
29 Former "Entertainment Tonight" co-anchor Nancy
30 Make growl, as an engine
31 Sheet music symbol
33 Actor Baldwin
36 Goes back out
37 Humdinger
38 Like a rock-solid contract
40 Language suffix
41 Start of civilization?
44 Constantly
47 Bureaucratic bigwig
49 Impersonated
50 On the injured list
52 Camden Yards player
53 One-dimensional
56 Eye annoyances
57 Be on the same page
59 Share-a-ride pickup hrs.
60 Microsoft Excel command
61 Compensation
62 Crossbow wielder's asset
63 Maidenform garment

Would dog still be man's best friend if dog wasn't getting free room and board?

Solution on Page 44

MEANS THE SAME

JUMBLE BrainBusters

Unscramble the Jumbles, one letter to each square, to spell pairs of words that have the same or similar meanings.

#1 SWIE — TDPRNUE

#2 AHMUN — ORESNP

#3 LEREYF — ASEIYL

#4 GLGEIG — KCLCEHU

Arrange the circled letters to solve the mystery answer.
(Form two words that have the same or similar meanings.)

MYSTERY ANSWER

Jumble BrainBusters 1

RHYMING WORDS

JUMBLE BrainBusters

Unscramble the Jumbles, one letter to each square, to spell pairs of words that rhyme.

#1 KCLCU — TKCUR

#2 RDPEWO — DROHECW

#3 GNBDIDE — NAEIHDG

#4 CIFTNAO — NIRCTAOT

Arrange the circled letters to solve the mystery answer.
(Form two words that rhyme.)

MYSTERY ANSWER

Jumble BrainBusters 2

SUPER JUMBLE® CHALLENGE

JUMBLE BrainBusters™

Unscramble the Jumbles, one letter to each square, to spell words.

#1 NCA

#2 MIFL

#3 BLOBY

#4 SPLIHO

#5 HASAEMD

#6 PLDOMITA

#7 SDSPLEIEA

#8 MRAICLUSUO

#9 SPIESIMISTC

Box of Clues

Stumped? Maybe you can find a clue below.
CLUES ARE NOT IN ORDER.

- -Part of a theater
- -Make smooth and glossy
- -Tactful negotiator
- -Fire
- -Bring to completion
- -Negative
- -To fail to satisfy
- -Marvelous
- -Feeling guilt
- -Motion picture

Arrange the circled letters to solve the mystery answer.

MYSTERY ANSWER

Jumble BrainBusters 3

TRIPLE JUMBLE® BRAINBUSTERS

JUMBLE BrainBusters

Unscramble the Jumbles, one letter to each square, to spell words.

#1 ACCIOL

#2 TLIEMG

#3 ZNTASA

#4 AEPNDB

#5 LRHEDA

#6 GOINVM

MYSTERY ANSWER #1: CHIEF
MYSTERY ANSWER #2: BROKE
MYSTERY ANSWER #3: BEAFOOD
MYSTERY ANSWER #1: PUSH
MYSTERY ANSWER #2: TROUT
MYSTERY ANSWER #3: UPSTREAM

Box of Clues

Stumped? Maybe you can find a clue below. (Clues are not in order. No clues for the Mystery Answers.)

- -Division of a poem
- -_____ van
- -Hospital room receptacle
- -Type of cocktail
- -Proclaim, announce
- -_____ cat

Arrange the clouded letters to solve mystery answer #1. Arrange the diamonded letters to solve mystery answer #2. Arrange the circled letters to solve mystery answer #3.
(The mystery answers will relate to each other.)

MYSTERY ANSWER #1

MYSTERY ANSWER #2

MYSTERY ANSWER #3

Jumble BrainBusters 4

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Word Salsa

WORD SALSA™
by Tony Tallarico

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward.
Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

CINDERELLA

ENGLISH	SPANISH
ASHES	CENIZAS
BALL	BAILE
BEAUTIFUL	HERMOSA
CARRIAGE	CARRUAJE
DAUGHTER	HIJA
FOLKLORE	FOLKLORE
GODMOTHER	MADRINA
MIDNIGHT	MEDIANOCHE
NOBLEMAN	NOBLE
PRINCE	PRÍNCIPE
SLIPPER	PANTUFLA
STEPSISTER	HERMANASTRA

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E R O L E J A U M A D I R A C
L U F I T U A E B L K L O F E
B H E R N A M E L B O N P P Z
O P A N T U F L A L T R C R I
N R R E T H G U A D I E A Í M
O Í T S T O S J Z N R T R N R
B N S E H Z I S C P Í S R C E
F C A H G H J E P R N I I E H
O I N S I Í H E R M O S A J S
L P A A N I R D A M Í P G A A
K E M E D I A N O C H E E U Z
L W R E I C K Í T L A T L R I
O H E Í M R E P P I L S I R N
R E H T O M D O G O D A A A E
E R O L K L O F R Í N C B C C

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"L" IS FOR...

ENGLISH	SPANISH
LAMP	LÁMPARA
LANTERN	LINTERNA
LAUNDRY	LAVANDERÍA
LEMON	LIMÓN
LEOPARD	LEOPARDO
LESSON	LECCIÓN
LETTUCE	LECHUGA
LIBERTY	LIBERTAD
LION	LEÓN
LOIN	LEJOS
LOYAL	LEAL
LUDE	LOCO

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Y R L S A G H C E L E B I L A
R L O O J V P T Y Í Y R A Í N
N A Y J C Y N L A N T E R N R
O G A E J O M R Á P O E L E E
T U L L I B E R T A D T U C T
L H C L H G D E R N R Í A U N
M C N I O L U J A V N D R T I
H E Ó C D R L V T T U C E T L
T L N L R E A O P A R O D E L
R E O E A L Á M P A R A Ó L E
G C M S P Ó L E S S O N N L O
R C E S O N Á Y R D N U A L P
M I L A E L I B E R T Y A A A
N Ó M I L R D N V T N M P R R
A N Ó D N Ó M R Í A P D T A D

Word Salsa 2

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by Tony Tallarico

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward.
Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

TIME'S UP?

ENGLISH	SPANISH
CENTURY	SIGLO
DAY	DÍA
DECADE	DÉCADA
EON	EON
ETERNITY	ETERNIDAD
HOUR	HORA
MINUTE	MINUTO
MOMENT	MOMENTO
MONTH	MES
SECOND	SEGUNDO
TARDY	TARDÍO
WEEK	SEMANA

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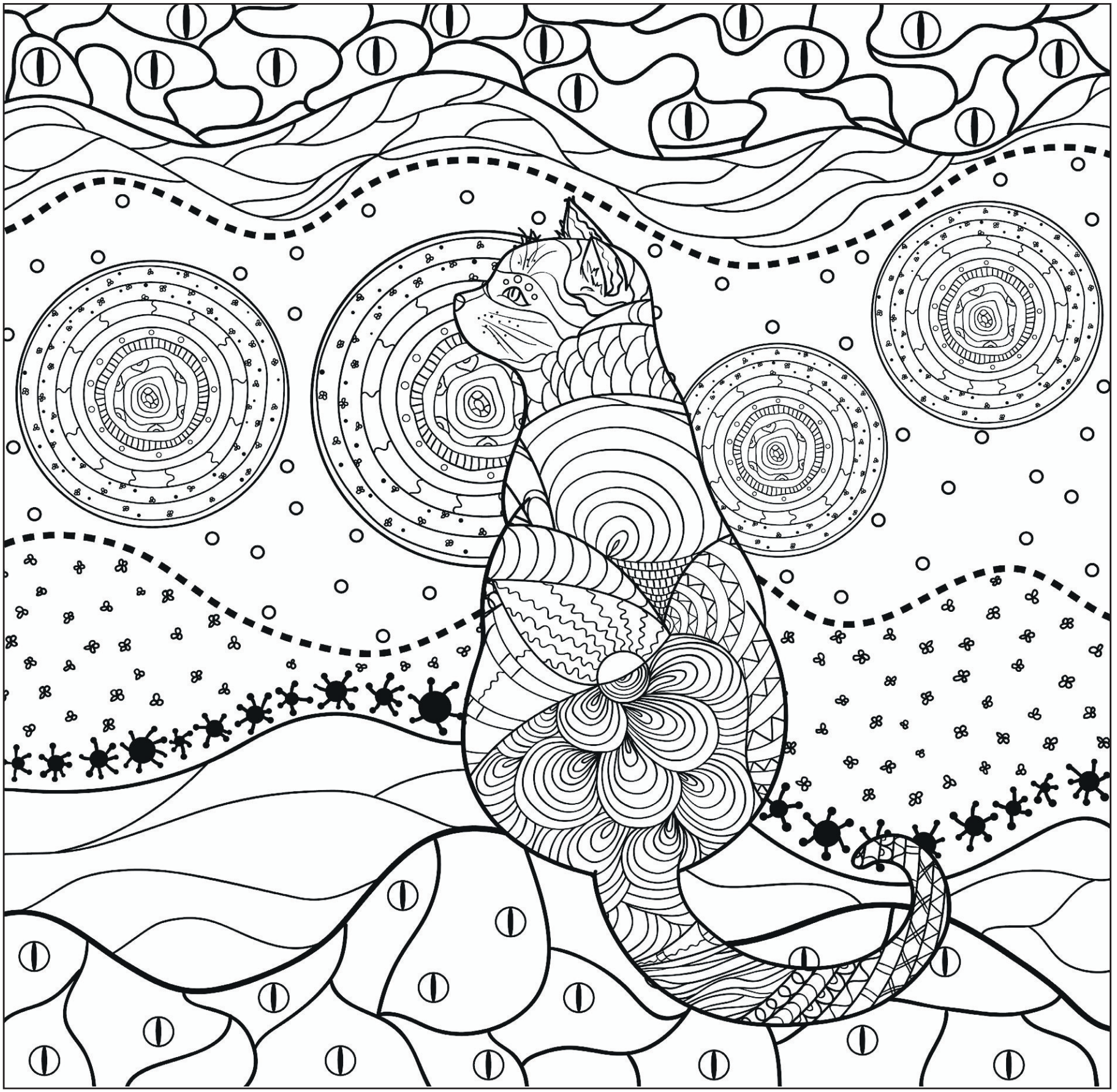
N H R O W K Y H R O T U R H E
O O C Í S S M N T T Y N C O T
L U E D W E É C D N Í H N R U
G R N K S G M K E E W L W A N
S C T G E U G W H M G N T H I
I É R L M N T R D O T U N I M
Y D É C A D A M D M A N Í T I
O A T R N O T O Í D R A T É N
Y D D H A S G L R M D G N D O
R I E T Y W K C N D Y N U É O
U N D N T N E M O M C D Y C I
T R A O Í P N L N D H N T L S
N E C M P M G C T A T E N H A
E T E R N I T Y H D N W K Í T
C E D C S E D S E C O N D T Y

Word Salsa 3

For some people, getting back to nature means going outside to talk to their gardener.



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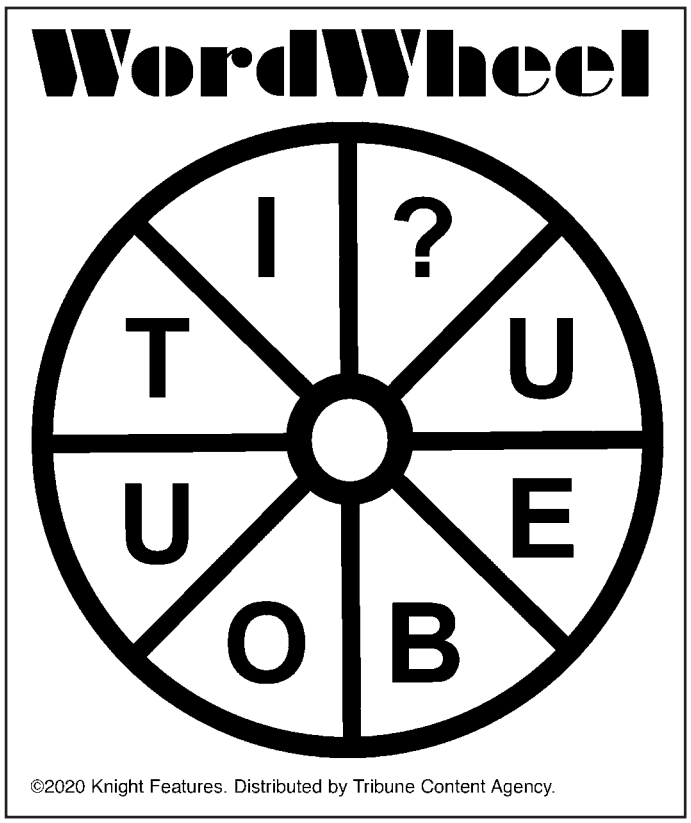
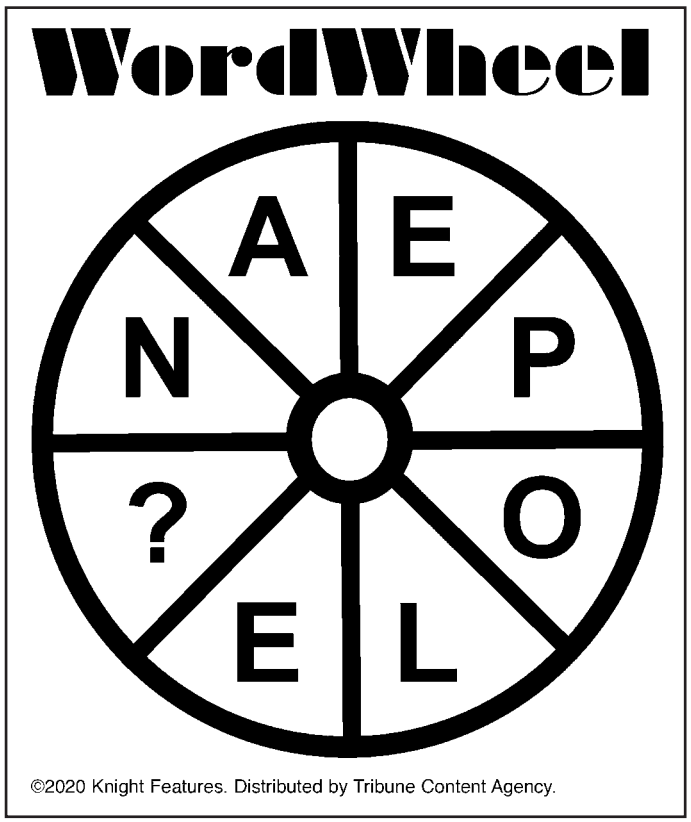
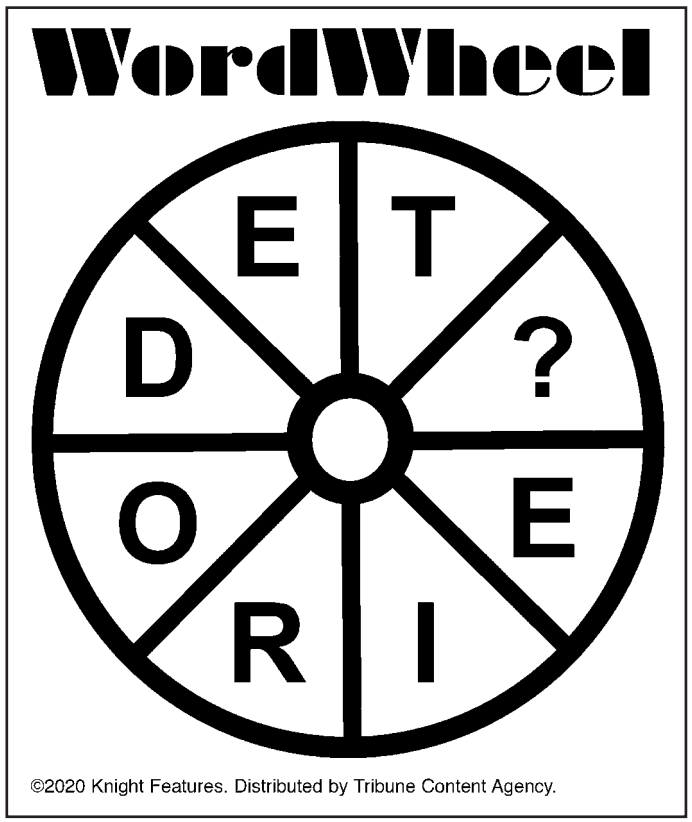
WordWheel

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.







Never make the same mistake twice, or you'll never get around to making them all.

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A1 U1 L1 G2 L1 R1 B3		RACK 1
E1 I1 L1 W4 D2 N1 L1	2nd Letter Double	RACK 2
A1 E1 E1 G2 M3 R1 P3		RACK 3
I1 Y4 H4 Z10 C3 N1 T1	Triple Word Score	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 145-155
BEST SCORE 255

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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A1 O1 D2 L1 R1 C3 L1		RACK 1
E1 O1 T1 N1 R1 V4 C3	Double Word Score	RACK 2
A1 I1 P3 N1 D2 L1 L1		RACK 3
E1 I1 K5 H4 T1 T1 C3	2nd Letter Triple	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 155-165
BEST SCORE 217

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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A1 O1 K5 C3 D2 L1 P3	Triple Word Score	RACK 1
E1 U1 W4 S1 C3 N1 R1		RACK 2
A1 I1 Y4 W4 D2 M3 T1		RACK 3
E1 O1 O1 Y4 G2 L1 C3	2nd Letter Double	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 155-165
BEST SCORE 241

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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E1 O1 Y4 R1 R1 C3 G2		RACK 1
A1 A1 E1 O1 N1 R1 C3	3rd Letter Triple	RACK 2
E1 U1 S1 R1 C3 T1 N1		RACK 3
A1 U1 T1 C3 J8 N1 D2	Double Word Score	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 145-155
BEST SCORE 220

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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Word Search

SUMMER GARDEN

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

M S S E V A E L T S S A R G A D Y
A H U H Q W S H R U B B E R Y W R
E E N C T L E M O N A D E H G E E
R D G N S A D R I B Y D A L K E K
C I L E O P P T L K E Z O D O D C
E S A B F X U O A E D A P S O S O
C E S H A S S C Y H K A S E B W R
I S S L C S N L R Z W U I A S S P
L O E S O K F O I E N A R S R O O
E R S M U R C D I S T E R E I B N
W B S H E N R E C L F T W T G E D
O G I T I A S R D E E O U N S Z S
R B T R Y U E H E Q L D I B P A E
T U O A D E L T I F N W N C L G S
B S T E N S T N A N S P L A N T S
A H E E R T U B E E E Y W V D G I
E K A R K C O M M A H N H E R B S

ANTS
BARE FEET
BEE
BENCH
BIRDS
BLOSSOMS
BOOK
BUSH
BUTTERCUPS
BUTTERFLY
DAISIES
DANDELIONS
DECKCHAIR
DOZE
EARTH
FLOWERS
GAZEBO
GRASS
HAMMOCK
HERBS
ICE CREAM
LADYBIRD
LAWN
LEAVES
LEMONADE
PATH
PLANTS
POND
RAKE
RELAX
ROCKERY
ROSES
SHED
SHRUBBERY
SPADE
STRAW HAT
SUNGLASSES
SUNSCREEN
SUNSHINE
SWING
TREE
TROWEL
WEEDS
YARD

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You're only young once, but once is enough. After all, misspending your youth is how you got to look the way you do.

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Word Search

IN AND OUT

Can you find all the words with IN and OUT? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

Q O U T L A W W E C F V Z K N O E
T G O U T T Q M I D I E W I I N U
H G N I T U O P E N L F A L I N S
M O U T H C N T Y P H M Q D N I F
X X B I T I U L I C E H E T U O R
D N S U L O C C N B O U T I Q U E
E I O O R T N I W D V N B R A I N
T M I G E I P I H N E N I H C A M
U V T I R N T Q Y O U T H B S X L
O H N P G H I E G A R T U O A A O
R K Q N O C N T D G N C U O Y C C
P P I U B I H O U I N T X A L L T
S C T L W A L I A O H I B Q I C U
I C I T J P M T N E R O T N I B O
Y N N I H X R I R I U T G U I M C
D T N I W U Q N N T W C M F O O S
P M N S C V D U G O U T H V W T C

AMINO
BIN
BLIND
BOUTIQUE
BRAIN
CABIN
CHIN
CLING
CLOUTED
COIN
CURTAIN
DINE
DOLPHIN
DUGOUT
FIND
GOUT
GROUTED
ICING
INK
KIN
LAYABOUT
MACHINE
MAIN
MINX
MOUTH
OUTCOME
OUTLAW
OUTRAGE
PINCH
POUTING
PRINCIPLE
ROUTE
ROUTINE
SCOUT
SOUTH
SOUTHERN
SPROUTED
TOUTING
TROUT
TWIN
VINYL
VIOLIN
WITHOUT
YOUTH

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Word Search

LET'S DANCE

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

H E A C P N L C C O U N T R Y J X
O R D H R E L L H T W L H B M X G
R A A A A O T B A O A I E A A M O
N U B R G B T S D B G P F V M R G
P Q M L G W M E K H W Q K O B X N
I S A E I I O U L C R O N N O T A
P V L S B H J A R A I A N A S O T
E F T T E U N I M F C U X S A R O
U A H O L D F J P N B K Q S L T R
O N B N L E O H A Z A R A O S X E
S D D A Y N L C T S L C E B A O L
P A J R L I K L S H L O R A M F O
Y N J D O L A P I U R N X H K A B
L G R H I W E V R F O G X H B O S
A O X M D S S T R F O A K L O P T
C Z E V I J C S O L M O G O P N E
F L A M E N C O M E H K J L E E R

BALLET
BALLROOM
BARN
BELLY
BOLERO
BOP
BOSSA NOVA
BREAK
CALYPSO
CANCAN
CHARLESTON
CLOG
CONGA
COUNTRY
DISCO
FANDANGO
FLAMENCO
FOLK
FOXTROT
HIGHLAND
HOEDOWN
HORNPIPE
JIG
JIVE
LAMBADA
LINE
MAMBO
MINUET
MORRIS
POGO
POLKA
QUICKSTEP
REEL
RUMBA
SALSA
SAMBA
SHUFFLE
SNOWBALL
SQUARE
SWORD
TANGO
TAP
TWIST
WALTZ

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Give yourself enough rope and you'll either hang yourself or learn to macrame.

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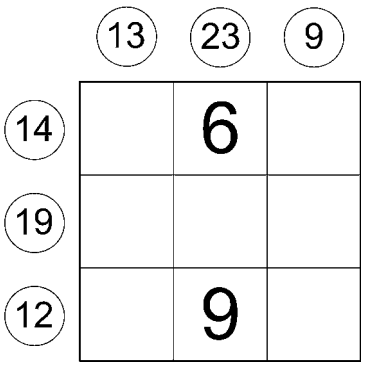
Kubok 9

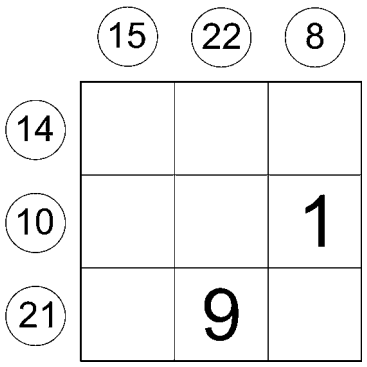
Enter the missing numbers from 1 to 9 without repetitions so that the sum of the three numbers in each row and column is the same as the corresponding circled number.

Easy



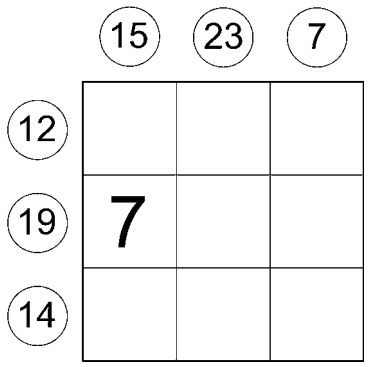
Kubok 1

Medium



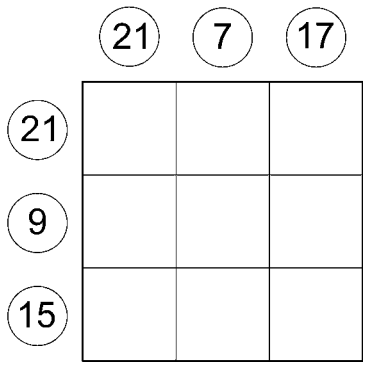
Kubok 2

Hard



Kubok 3

Expert

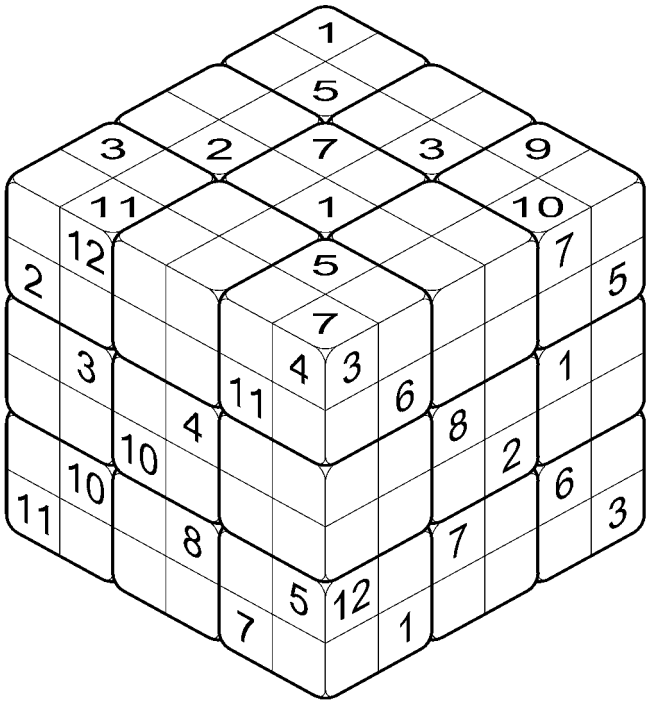


Kubok 4

Kubok 12

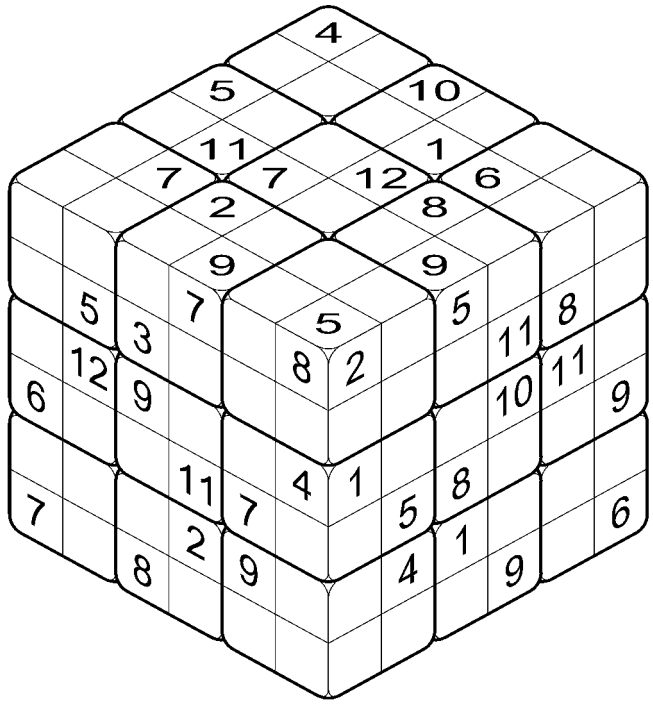
- In each of the 18 rows formed by the alignment of 12 squares all of the numbers from 1 to 12 must be present, without any repetition.
- In each of the 6 zones made up of 6 x 2 squares, both horizontal and vertical, identifiable on each face of the cube, all of the numbers from 1 to 12 must be present, without any repetition.
- All of the numbers from 1 to 12 must be present without any repetition in the shape formed by the cube's three faces that form the central corner of 2 x 2 x 2.
- In the shape formed by two visible faces of the six 2 x 2 x 2 cubes on the edges of the large cube, there must be only 8 of the 12 numbers from 1 to 12 present, without any repetition.

Medium



Kubok 5

Hard



Kubok 6

Kubok 16

Enter the missing numbers from 1 to 16 without repetitions so that the sum of the four numbers ineach row and column is the same as the corresponding circled number.

Easy

	30	32	21	53
31	5	8	2	
39	1			
32				13
34		7	4	9

Kubok 7

Medium

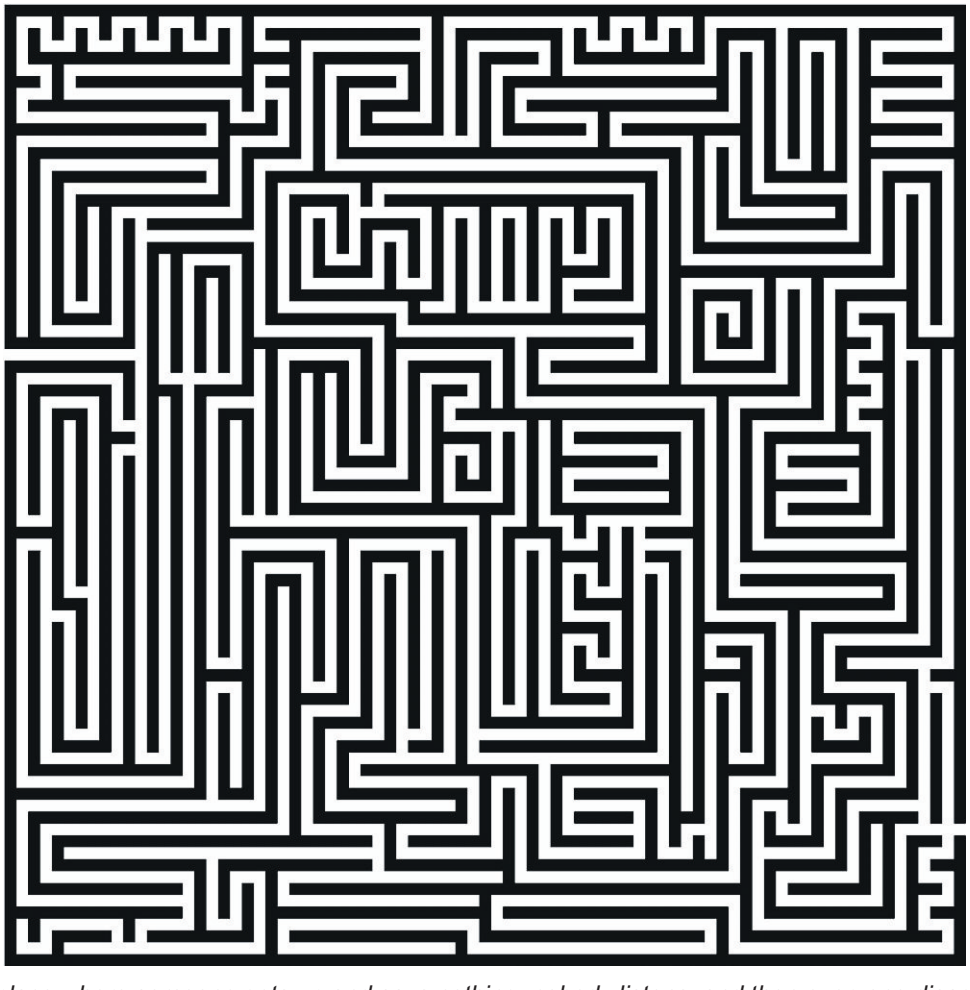
	28	39	34	35
38	10	4		
27	7	5		
49			15	12
22			2	1

Kubok 8

Expert

	54	31	23	28
35	16			
45		9		
23			1	
33				3

Kubok 9



Congress: A place where someone gets up and says nothing, nobody listens, and then everyone disagrees about it.

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Boggle BrainBusters 1

Boggle® BrainBusters!™

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

W	V	A	L
E	R	O	D
N	O	K	N
H	A	W	H

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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3 letters = 1 point	151+ = Champ
4 letters = 2 points	101-150 = Expert
5 letters = 3 points	61-100 = Pro
6 letters = 4 points	31 - 60 = Gamer
7 letters = 6 points	21 - 30 = Rookie
8 letters = 10 points	11 - 20 = Amateur
9+ letters = 15 points	0 - 10 = Try again

Boggle® BrainBusters Bonus

We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST SIX BIRDS in the grid of letters.

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S	E	H	C
N	O	R	D
G	U	T	B
D	N	A	E

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Find AT LEAST SIX WORDS RELATED TO MUSIC in the grid of letters.

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N	I	S	I
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L	K	E	N

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B	A	D	C
N	I	O	B
M	K	U	L
E	C	H	G

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V	L	T	M
M	E	R	V
E	O	G	A
T	Y	E	C

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L	E	P	C
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I	D	N	U
H	O	E	L

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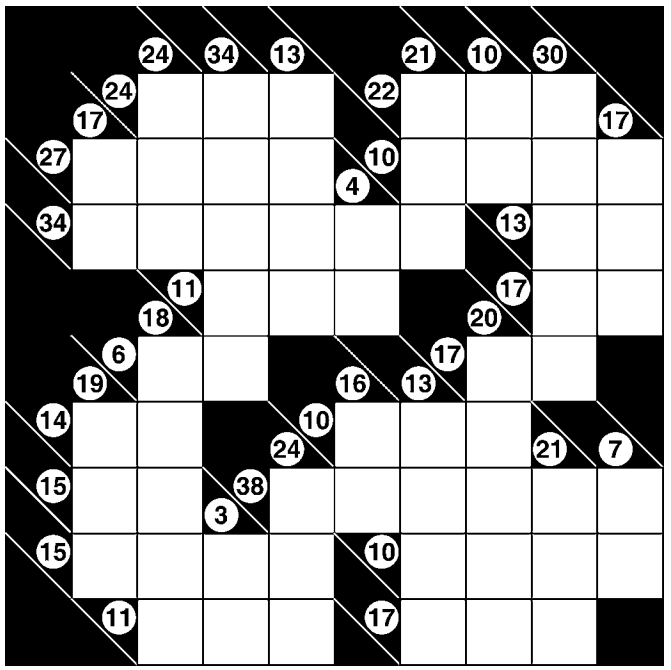
Kakuro

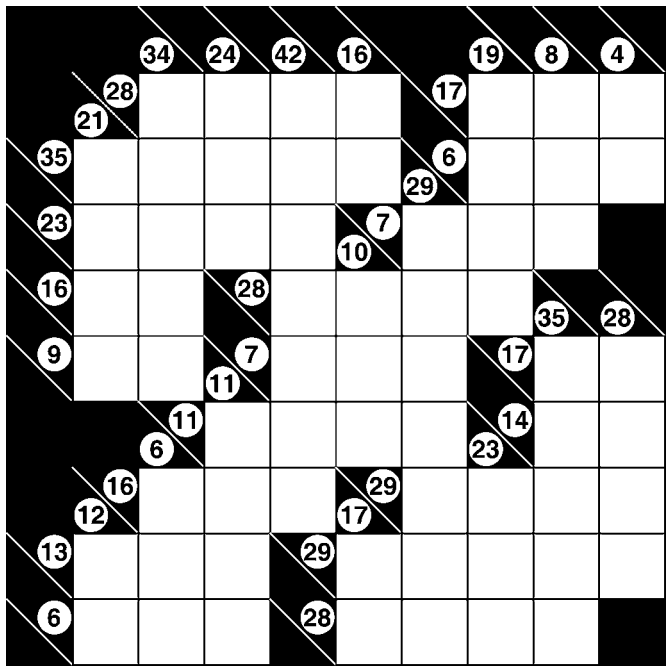
To solve Kakuro, you must enter a number between 1 and 9 in the empty squares. The clues are the numbers in the white circles that give the sum of the solution numbers: above the line are across clues and below the line are down clues. Thus, a clue of 3 will produce a solution of 2 and 1 and a 5 will produce 4 and 1, or 2 and 3, but, of course, which squares they go in will depend on the solution of a clue in the other direction. No digit can be repeated in a solution, so a 4 can only produce 1 and 3, never 2 and 2.

Gentle



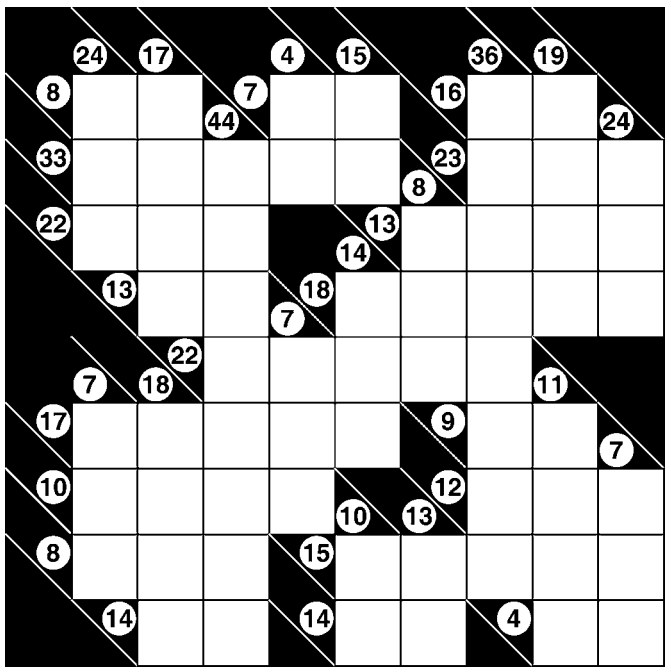
Kakuro 1

Gentle



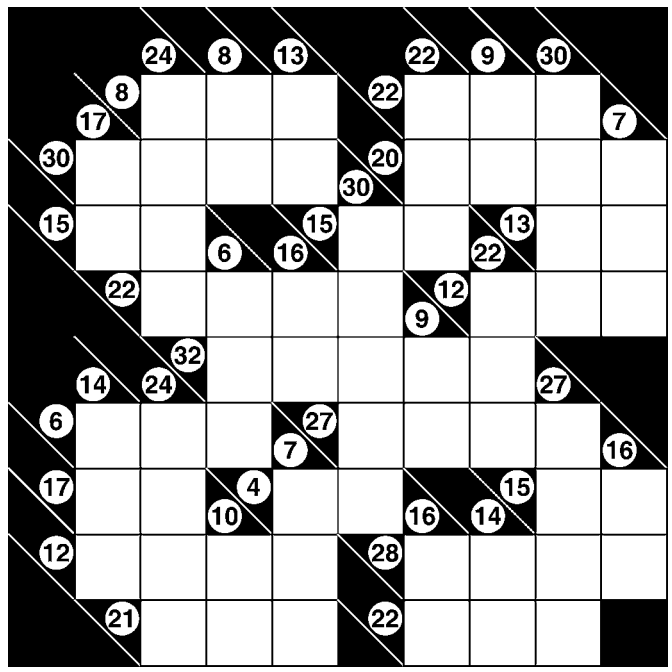
Kakuro 2

Moderate



Kakuro 3

Moderate

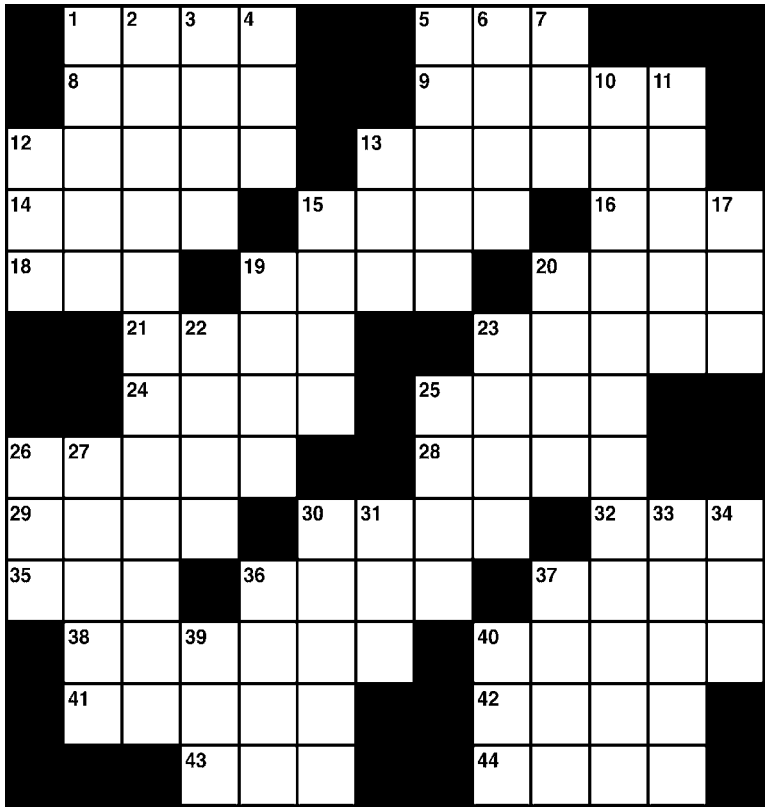


Kakuro 4

One of the first things you notice about a backward country is that the children still obey their parents.

Solution on Page 47

The (Classic) TV CROSSWORD

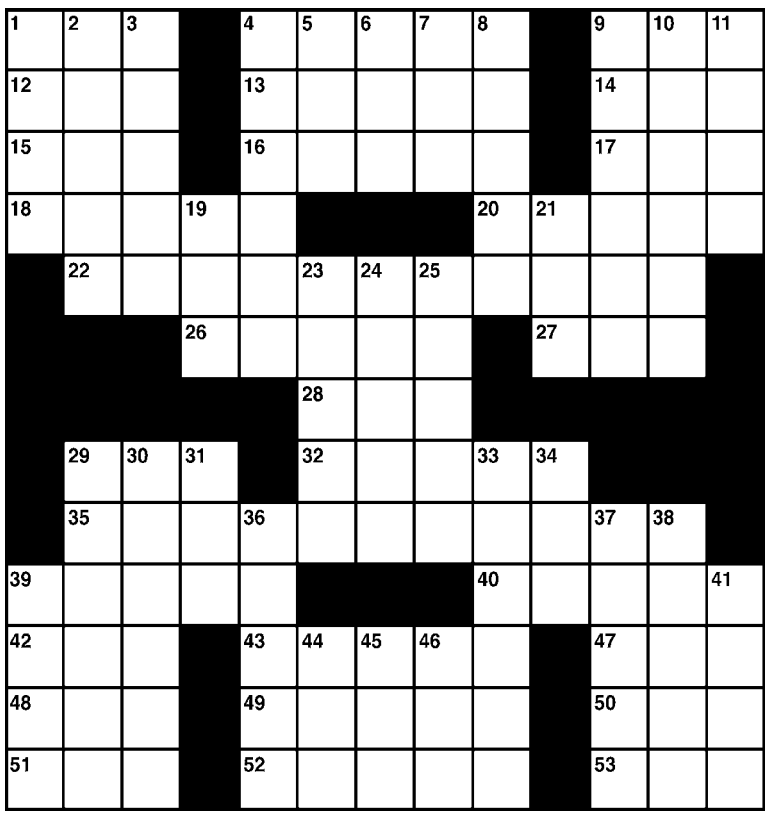


ACROSS

1 Mayberry's sheriff
5 Series for Mimi Kennedy
8 "__ Factor" (2001-12)
9 Assists in crime
12 Moran & others
13 2017 film for Will Smith
14 Clothing
15 Narrow opening
16 "Please Don't __ the Daisies"
18 Bit of soot
19 Casual farewell
20 Up to the task
21 "A Star Is __"; Lady Gaga movie
23 "__ Acres"
24 Designer Cassini
25 Annoying insect
26 "Everybody Loves Raymond" role
28 Island feast
29 Astin or Lennon
30 French cheese
32 Six-pointers, for short
35 To and __
36 Nuisance
37 Robert De __
38 "Hart __"; Robert Wagner series
40 Bank vaults
41 Embrace as one's own
42 Name for 12 popes
43 Faux __; social blunder
44 Know-it-__; smart alecks

DOWN

1 Hairdos for the Jackson Five
2 "The __"; Cedric the Entertainer series
3 Rather & Aykroyd
4 Periods of time: abbr.
5 Actress __ Conchita Alonso
6 Sad news, for short
7 One of the sisters in "Little Women"
10 "The Bold and __"
11 No longer fresh
12 Letter from Greece
13 Lunch order, for short
15 Crooned
17 Number of seasons for "JAG"
19 "One __ Hill"
20 Zone
22 Actor Ken
23 Adhesive
25 Flutter about lightly
26 Actor Fox's monogram
27 Aneurysm site, often
30 Lahr & Parks
31 Q-U connection
33 "Say Yes to the __"
34 Letters of distress
36 One of the Three Bears
37 Tack
39 Little leap
40 Jacuzzi



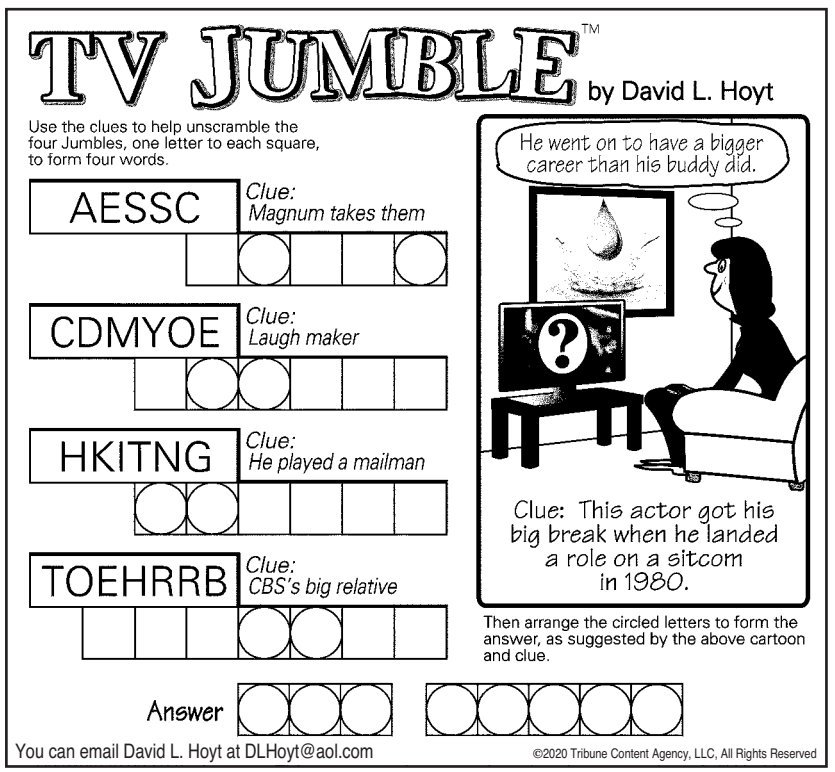
ACROSS

1 "__ Wants to Be a Millionaire"
4 Jerry or Shari
9 Kildare & Quinn: abbr.
12 In the know; "with it"
13 "The Main __"; Streisand/O'Neal movie
14 House member's title: abbr.
15 Word attached to wax or wig
16 Uptight
17 "I __ Rock"; Simon & Garfunkel hit
18 Prefix for action or form
20 "What Happens in __"; Cameron Diaz film
22 Chris Harrison reality series
26 Actress Maria
27 Pen contents
28 Suffix for cook, book or rook
29 Role on "Black-ish"
32 "__ a Hot Tin Roof"
35 Actress Reese
39 "So You Think You Can __"
40 Role on "I Love Lucy"
42 Linkletter or Carney
43 Actor Burton
47 Wife to Mickey, Artie & Frank
48 "__ Had a Hammer"
49 1996 film for Madonna
50 Cartoon pooch
51 Personal 9-digit no.
52 "...other reindeer used to laugh and call him __..."
53 "__ This Old House"

DOWN

1 Sharpen; intensify
2 "Places in the __"; Sally Field movie
3 One who had a talk show
4 "__ Cops"; Damon Wayans Jr. film
5 "Last Man Standing" role
6 Ming-Na __
7 Walk-__; those without appointments
8 Martin or Allen
9 "How to Train Your __"; Jay Baruchel film
10 Comment
11 Jacuzzis
19 Henry Fonda's state of birth: abbr.
21 Actor Wallach
23 Waitress at Mel's Diner
24 "__ and Present Danger"; Harrison Ford movie
25 Emcees
29 Happy & Grumpy
30 "The Adventures of __ Tin"
31 And so forth: abbr.
33 "Tosca" & "La Bohème"
34 "What __ to Wear"
36 Hayes or Hunt
37 Actress Maureen
38 Campbell & her namesakes
39 Speaker's platform
41 Too skinny
44 Zsa Zsa's sis
45 Energy
46 Feasted

TV Jumble



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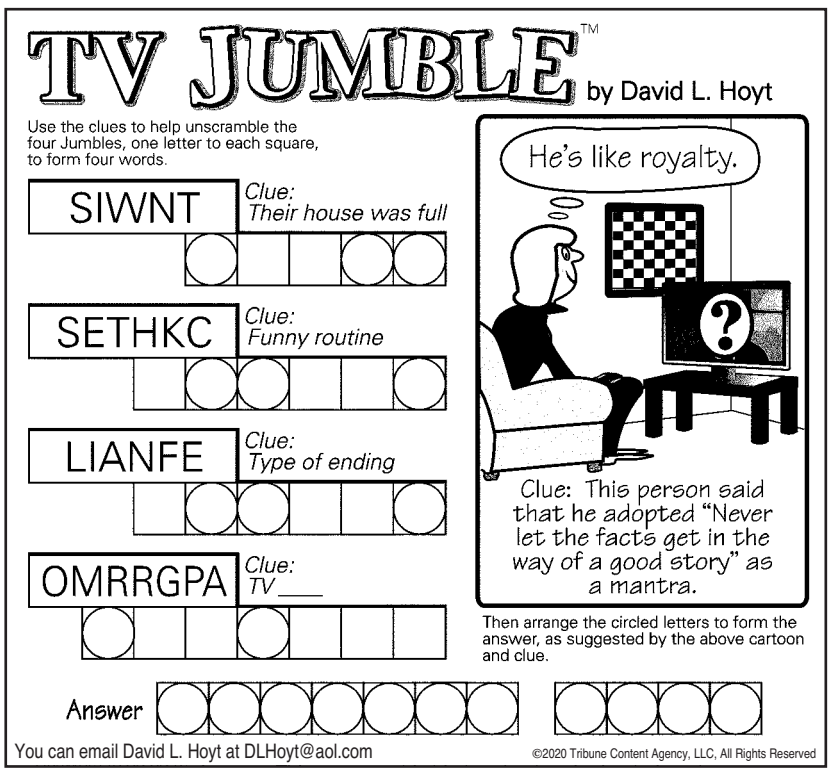

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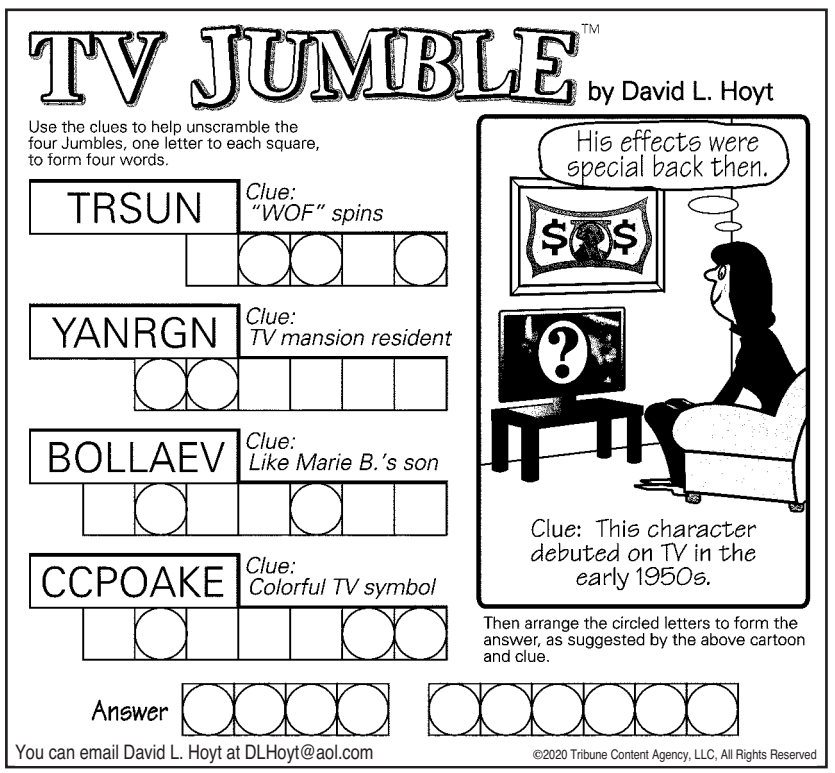

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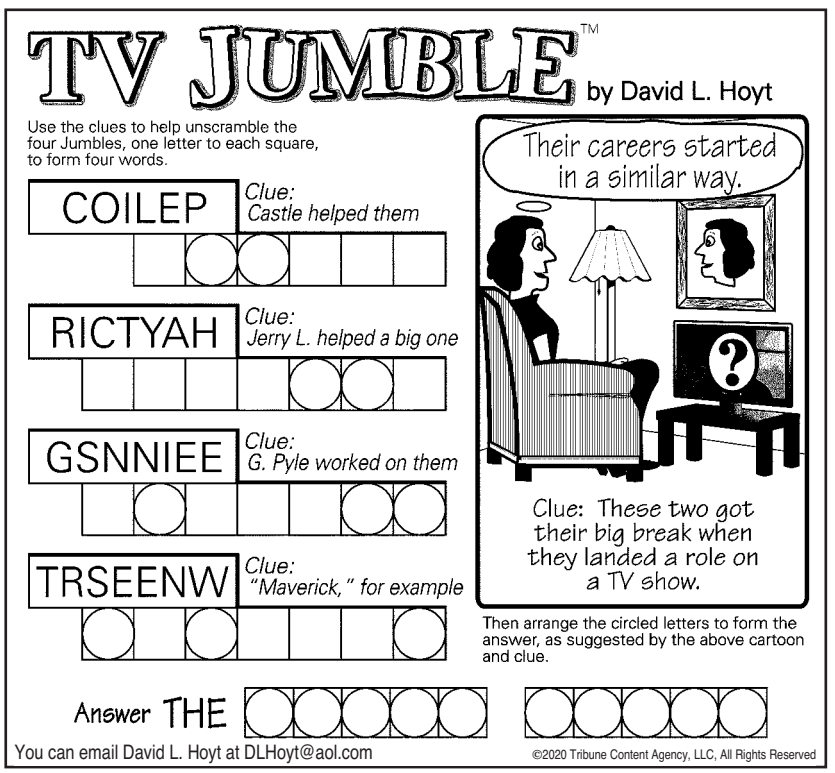


TV Jumble 4

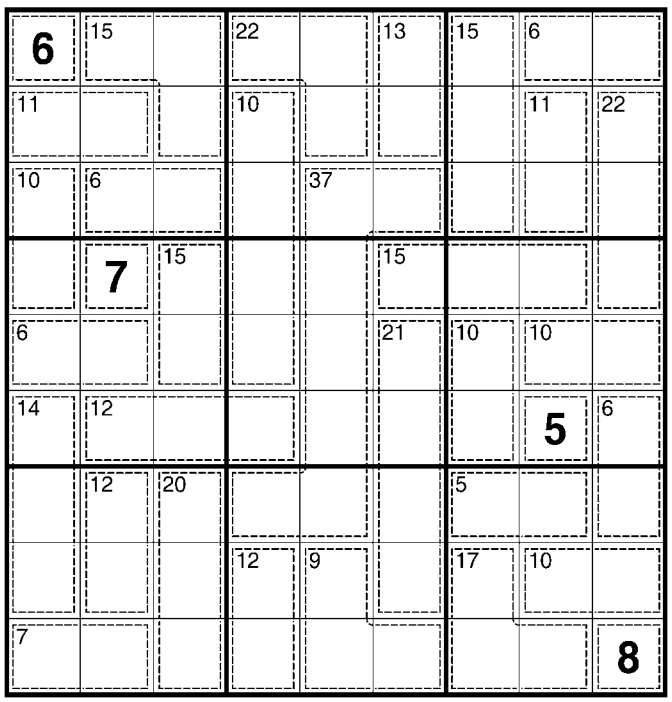
Definition of a perfect bore: A Texan who went to Harvard and spent four years in the Marines.

Solution on Page 47

Killer Sudoku

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.
Digits inside the dotted cages must add up to the number in the corner of each cage, and digits can't repeat inside a cage.

Moderate



Killer Sudoku 1

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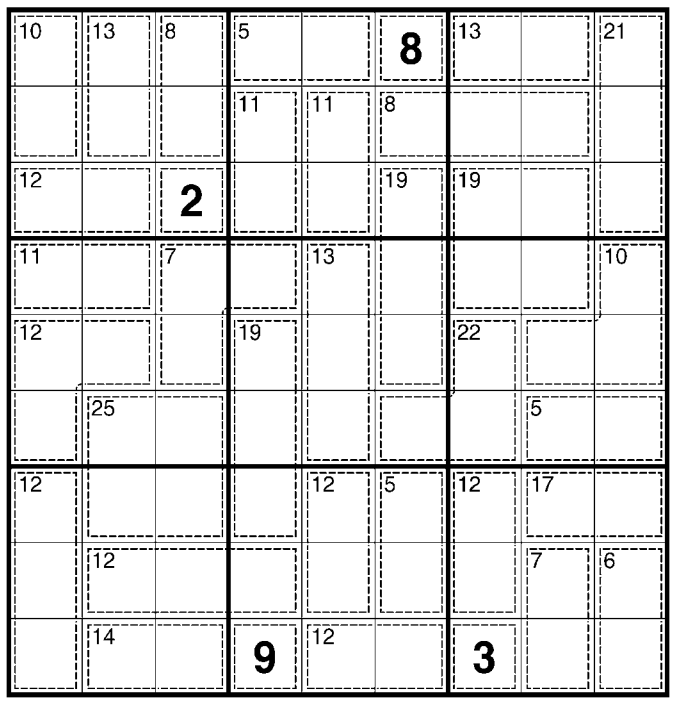

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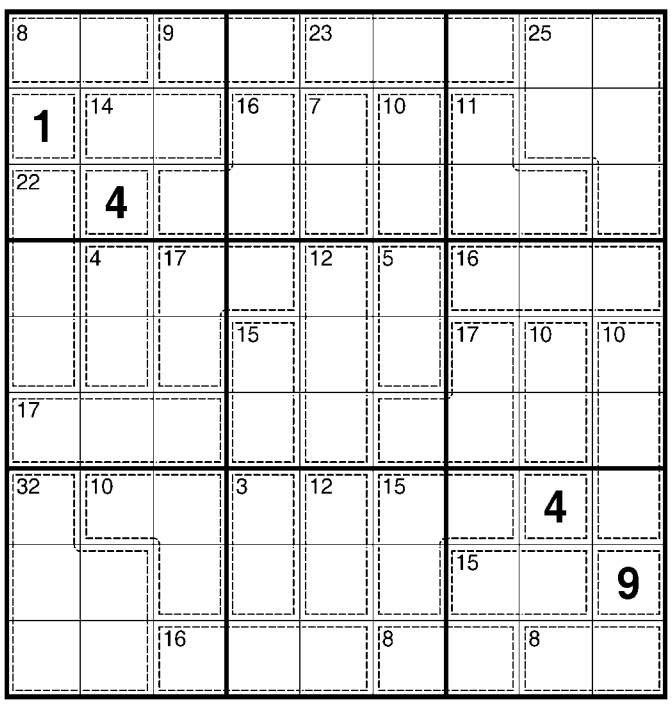

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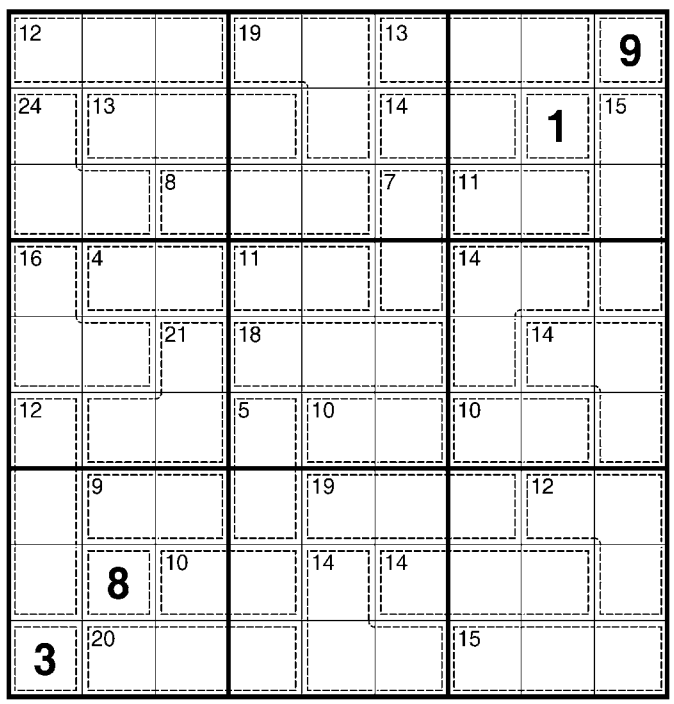

Killer Sudoku 4

Solution on Page 39

Jumble for Kids

The letters of these crazy words are all mixed up. To play the game, put them back into the right order so that they make real words you can find in your dictionary. Write the letters of each real word under each crazy word, but only one letter to a square.

VNA

ATSY

BYDO

NFDI

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Jumble for Kids 1

Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble For Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.

Print answer here: " ○○○ - ○○○ "

RDE

LESL

MSES

VAHE

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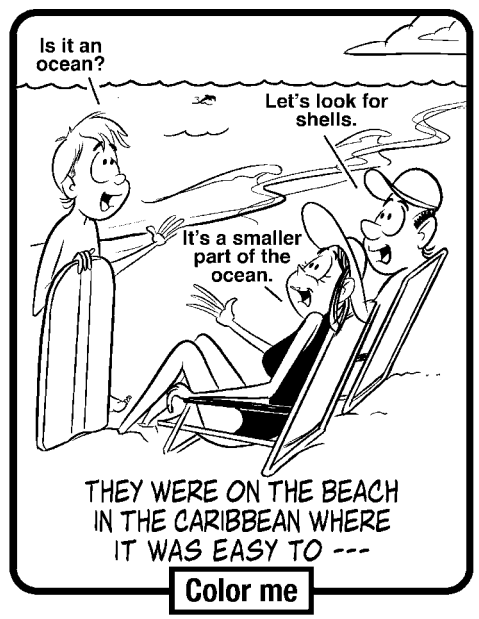

Jumble for Kids 2

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Print answer here: ○○○ **THE** ○○○

CTU

BMUP

OSNO

NTAW

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Jumble for Kids 3

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Ans. here: " ○○○○ " ○○○○○○

PPO

BUCE

RFMA

SIHD

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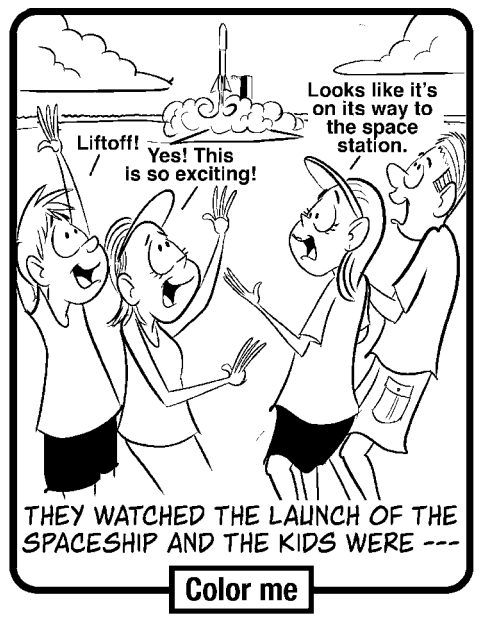

Jumble for Kids 4

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Print answer here: ○○○○○ ○○

Middle age is that time of life when, given the choice of two temptations, you choose the one that gets you home first.

Solution on Page 40

Jumble for Kids

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SYH

LEFL

BCIR

LULB

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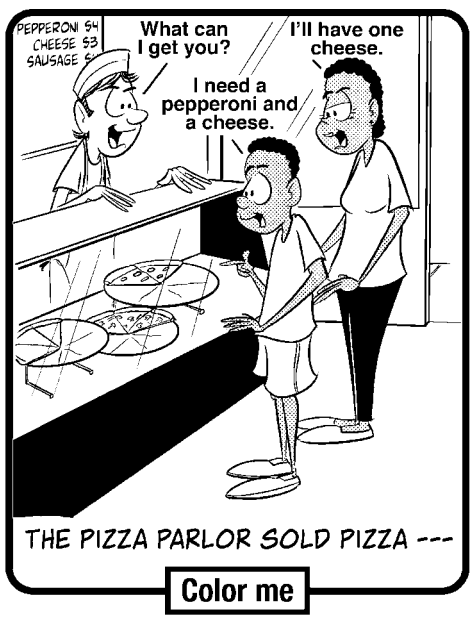

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Ans. here: " ◯◯◯ " THE ◯◯◯◯◯

RFY

GPIR

CUPK

LOFD

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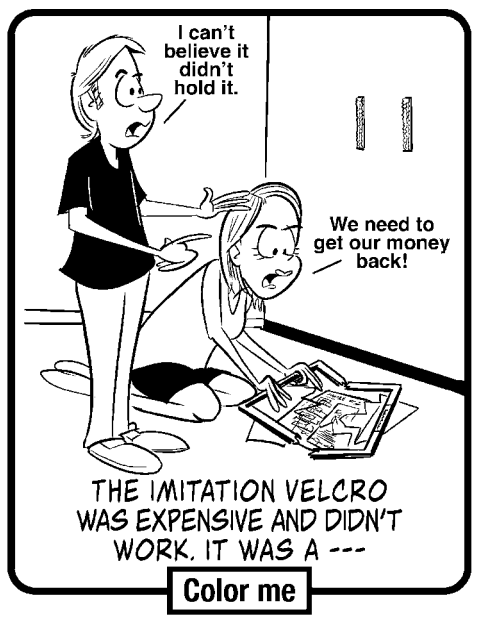

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Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble For Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.

Print your answer here: ◯◯◯ - ◯◯◯

HGO

MFEA

WACL

TTAH

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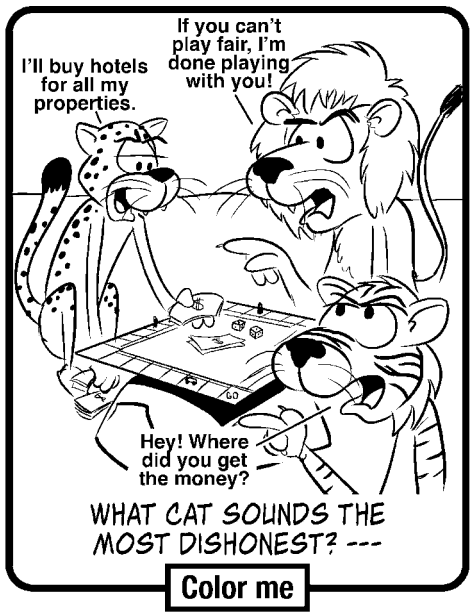

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Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble For Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.

Answer here: A " ◯◯◯◯◯ - ◯◯ "

EBD

ORTO

RMAW

CIPK

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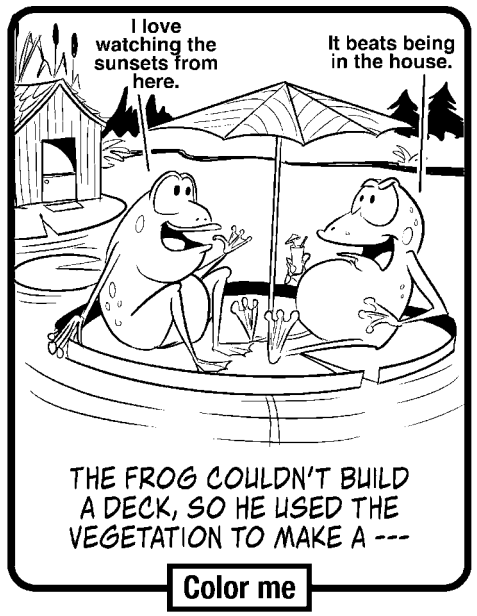

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Jumble for Kids 8

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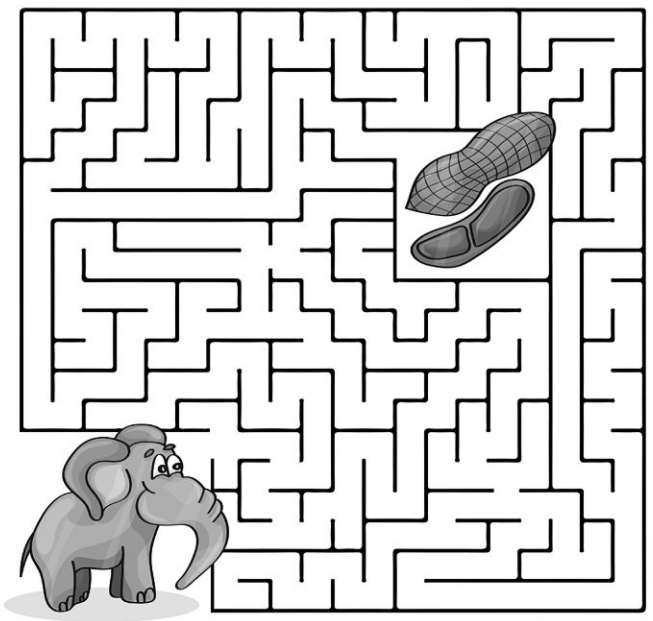
Print your answer here: " ◯◯◯◯◯ "



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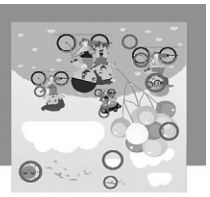

SOLUTIONS: Jumble For Kids — Page 37

1 | VAN | STAY | BODY | FIND
The boy was going to choose what they did because it was — “SON-DAY”

2 | RED | SELL | MESS | HAVE
They were on the beach in the Caribbean where it was easy to — SEE THE SEA

3 | CUT | BUMP | SOON | WANT
The cat wanted to temporarily stop the movie, so he used the — “PAWS” BUTTON

4 | POP | CUBE | FARM | DISH
They watched the launch of the spaceship and the kids were — FIRED UP

Psychiatrists love treating multiple personality disorders. They get to keep charging for the same appointment.

TRANSPORT WORD SEARCH

T	R	U	C	K	O	J	P	K	D
I	Z	M	Y	Q	E	L	A	O	B
R	R	I	P	L	A	N	E	C	H
O	H	E	L	I	C	P	T	E	R
C	I	Y	K	G	Y	L	E	R	T
K	L	N	E	M	O	G	N	I	R
E	T	R	A	C	T	O	R	T	A
T	E	L	M	Y	K	L	O	I	I
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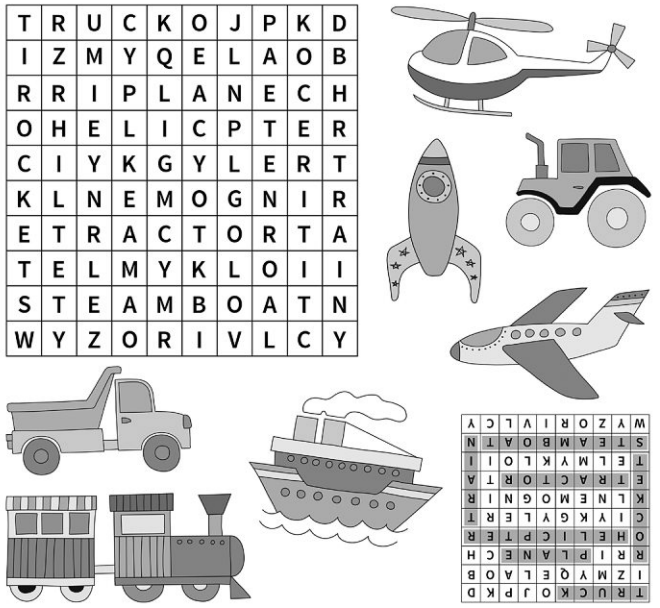
W	Y	Z	O	R	I	V	L	C	Y



OCEAN WORD SEARCH

L	A	T	E	P	I	R	A	T	E
I	Z	S	Y	O	H	E	L	M	B
F	J	E	L	L	Y	F	I	S	H
S	H	A	R	K	D	A	D	J	A
A	I	K	E	G	Y	L	O	T	R
B	L	E	T	M	O	G	L	I	O
O	H	E	O	C	T	O	P	U	S
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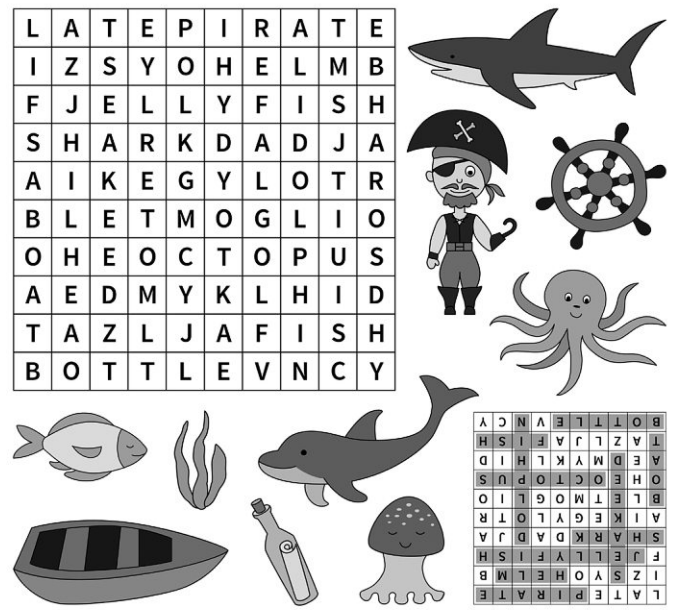
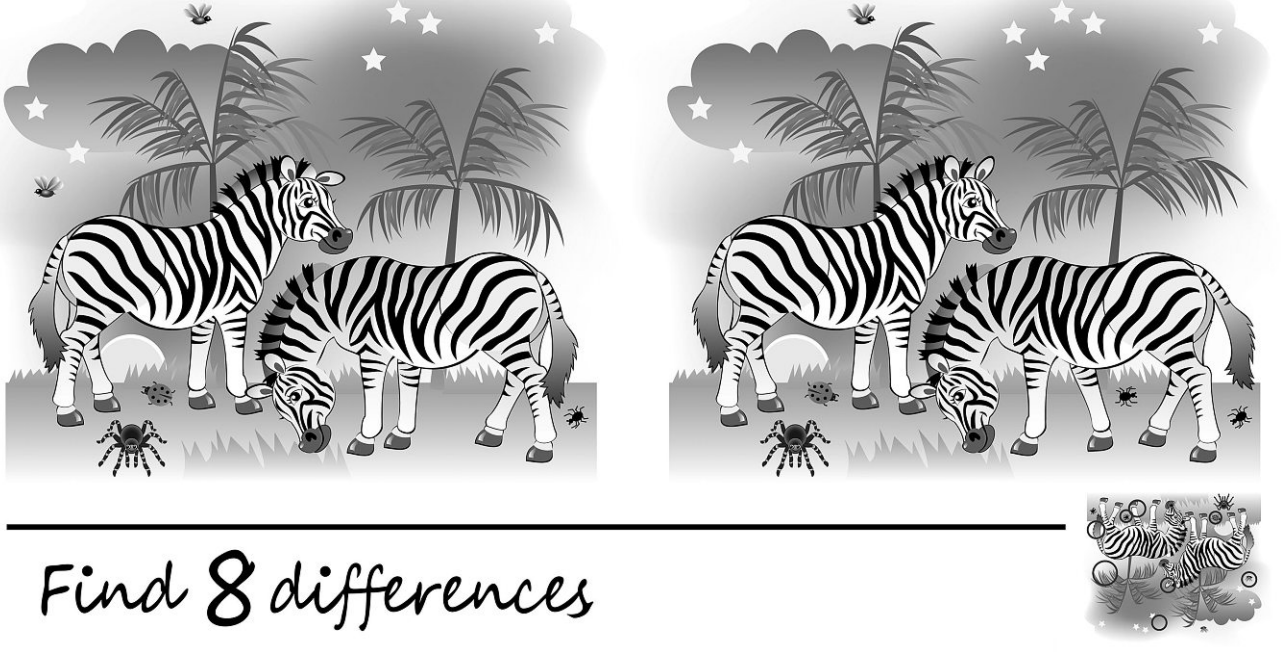


Find 8 differences



SOLUTIONS: Jumble For Kids — Page 38

5 SHY FELL CRIB BULL
The pizza parlor sold pizza — "BUY" THE SLICE

6 FRY GRIP PUCK FOLD
The imitation Velcro was expensive and didn't work. It was a — RIP-OFF

7 HOG FAME CLAW THAT
What cat sounds the most dishonest? — A "CHEAT-AH"

8 BED ROOT WARM PICK
The frog couldn't build a deck, so he used the vegetation to make a — "PADIO"

SOLUTIONS

Sudoku X — Page 3

1

3	5	4	7	6	2	9	8	1
2	6	9	1	8	4	3	7	5
8	7	1	9	3	5	2	4	6
5	2	6	8	1	9	7	3	4
1	4	7	2	5	3	6	9	8
9	8	3	6	4	7	5	1	2
7	9	8	5	2	1	4	6	3
6	3	5	4	9	8	1	2	7
4	1	2	3	7	6	8	5	9

2

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Jumble Crosswords — Page 4

1 — 1A-Outrun 5A-Juice 6A-Taste 7A-Seller 1D-Object 2D-Thistle 3D-Utensil 4D-Career B-Justice

2 — 1A-Crimea 5A-Covet 6A-Irate 7A-Heated 1D-Cycled 2D-Invoice 3D-Extract 4D-Offend B-Hoover Dam

3 — 1A-Locust 5A-Knife 6A-Kudos 7A-Untrue 1D-Likely 2D-Chicken 3D-Slender 4D-Pursue B-Kentucky

Jumble Crosswords — Page 5

4 — 1A-Cashew 5A-Midas 6A-Talon 7A-Adonis 1D-Commit 2D-Sedated 3D-Epsilon 4D-Thanks B-Middle East

Train Tracks

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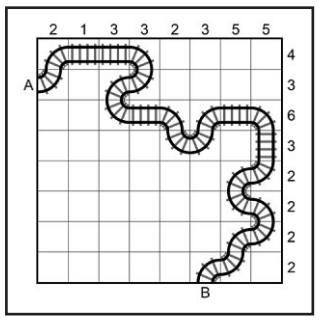

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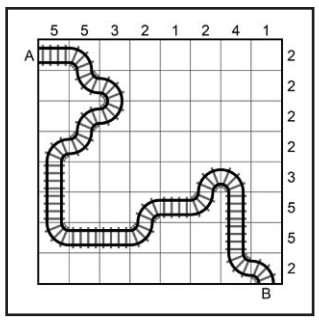

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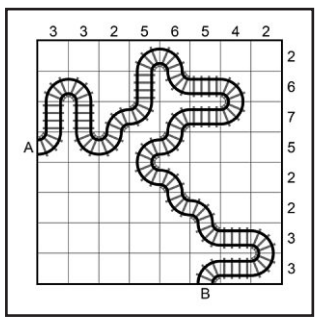

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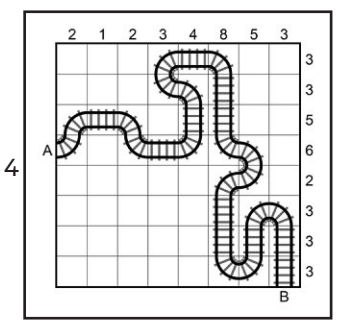

Jumble — Page 5

1 — TOXIN EAGLE METHOD TRUSTY
When the politician was arrested for corruption, his supporters — RAN OUT OF "ESTEEM"

2 — BRAND MOGUL NOGGIN TURNIP
On the morning of the marathon, she needed to be — RUNNING ALONG

3 — HYENA WAIVE BITTER GERBIL
The courtroom was brand-new, and the judge was ready to — GIVE IT A TRY

4 — FLOOR SHAKY UNTOLD MISFIT
After seeing how well his hair transplant turned out, his wife said — HATS OFF TO YOU

Jumble — Page 6

5 — JUMBLE
Answer: SENTRY OCCUPY ANNUAL INFANT MATURE BORROW
The animals built a lounge in the jungle and were enjoying the —
CREATURE COMFORTS

6 — JUMBLE
Answer: PURSUE SPRUCE BEMOAN GROWTH FICKLE WITHIN
Cartoonist Charles M. Schulz was able to earn a good living by —
WORKING FOR PEANUTS

7 — JUMBLE
Answer: IMPALA HYPHEN ABACUS COARSE NEARLY KNIGHT
The twin sisters pooled their money to buy stocks so they could —
SHARE AND SHARE ALIKE

8 — JUMBLE
Answer: WALLOP WORTHY PUDDLE AUTHOR PELVIS WETTER
Capitalizing the first letter of nouns that are names is the —
PROPER WAY TO DO IT

The Commuter Crossword

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Some people have the reputation for being energetic when they're merely nervous.

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Quote-Acrostic

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Today's QUOTE-ACROSTIC answer: (Jon) MOOALLEM: WHERE DO THEY GO?: No matter how close our relationship with our phones has become, how faithfully we keep them with us, how we hold them to our faces and whisper into them, we rarely wonder where they go when they die.

A. Make with	E. Lowbrow	I. White-hot	M. Esthetics	Q. Hem and haw	U. Opened
B. Ownership	F. Lower	J. Hanse	N. Down on	R. Employ	
C. Off with you	G. Ethel Waters	K. Eyetooth	O. Otherwise	S. Youthful	
D. Aphonic	H. Murmur	L. Rehash	P. Third wheel	T. Greece	

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Today's QUOTE-ACROSTIC answer: M(argaret) MEAD: STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: We should never, never doubt that only a small group of thoughtful and committed citizens can eventually change the world. You should take heart, for it is the only thing that ever, ever changed anything.

A. Machine only	E. Draught	I. Elevated	M. Howdy	Q. Ungulate	U. Richly
B. Moonlight	F. Sprocket	J. Nervous	N. Invented	R. Mandate	V. Staff
C. Egotistical	G. Throughway	K. Gazehound	O. North	S. Bevel	
D. Attentively	H. Rueful	L. Threshold	P. Notch	T. Ethan	

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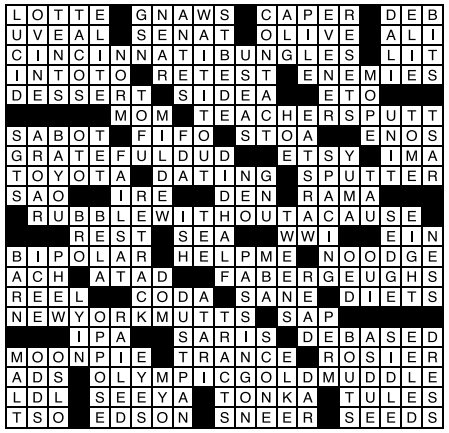

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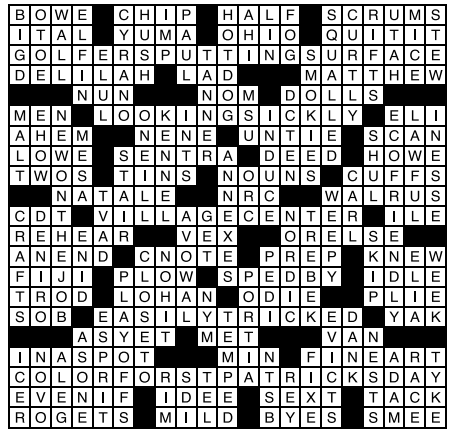

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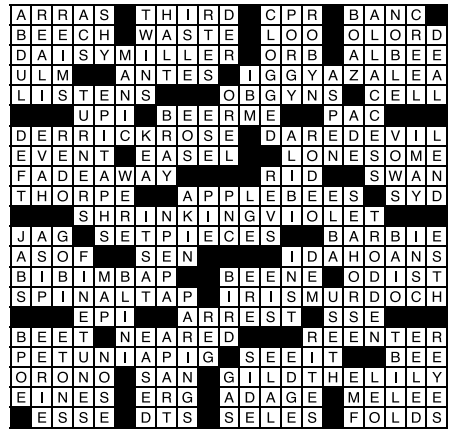

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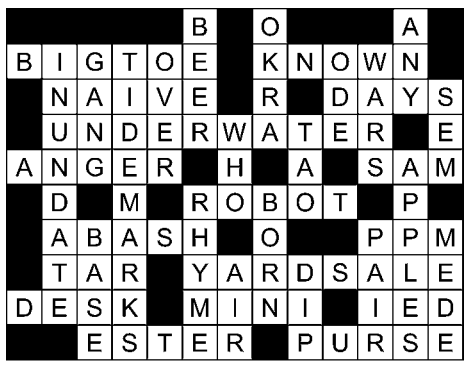

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Code-Cracker — Page 17

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Code-Cracker — Page 18

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Sudoku — Page 17

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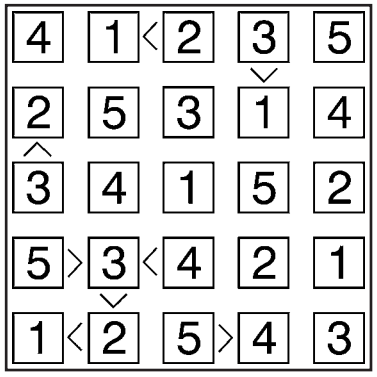

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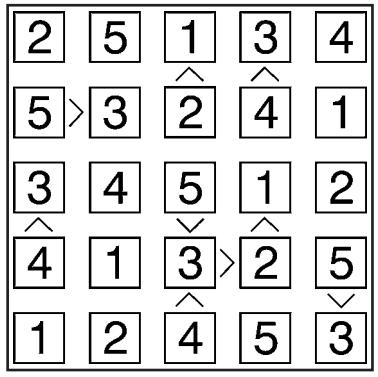

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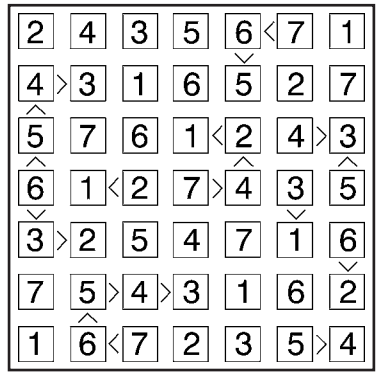

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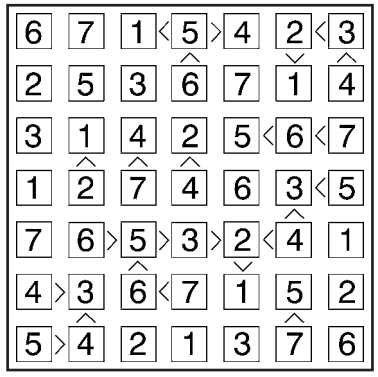

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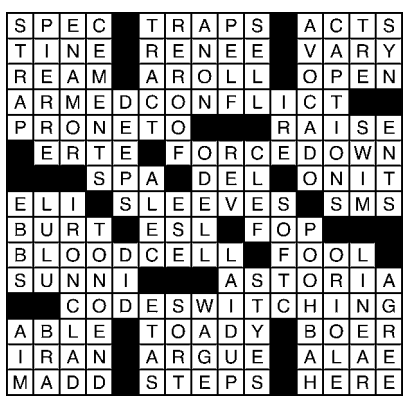

It's hard to climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pockets.

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Jumble BrainBusters — Page 22

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WISE-PRUDENT
HUMAN-PERSON
FREELY-EASILY
GIGGLE-CHUCKLE

NICE-PLEASANT

2

CLUCK-TRUCK
POWDER-CHOWDER
BEDDING-HEADING
FACTION-TRACTION

OUNCE-BOUNCE

3

CAN
FILM
LOBBY
POLISH
ASHAMED
DIPLOMAT
DISPLEASE
MIRACULOUS
PESSIMISTIC

ACCOMPLISHED

4

CALICO
GIMLET
STANZA
BEDPAN
HERALD
MOVING

CANADA
PROVINCE
MANITOBA

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BOUTIQUE
2
CONSPIRE
3
ANTELOPE
4
ORIENTED

Word Salsa — Page 23

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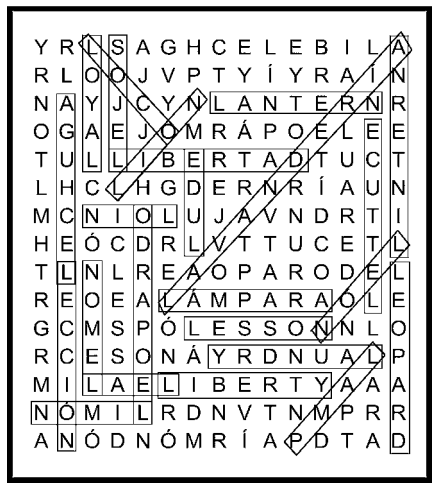

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Scrabble Grams — Page 26

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SCRABBLE GRAMS SOLUTION

B3	U1	L1	G2	A1	R1		RACK 1 = 9
I1	N1	D2	W4	E1	L1	L1	RACK 2 = 62
P3	R1	E1	G2	A1	M3	E1	RACK 3 = 62
C3	H4	I1	N1	T1	Z10	Y4	RACK 4 = 122

PAR SCORE 145-155 TOTAL 255

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SCRABBLE GRAMS SOLUTION

C3	O1	L1	L1	A1	R1	D2	RACK 1 = 60
C3	O1	N1	V4	E1	R1	T1	RACK 2 = 74
P3	A1	L1	L1	I1	D2		RACK 3 = 9
T1	H4	I1	C3	K5	E1	T1	RACK 4 = 74

PAR SCORE 155-165 TOTAL 217

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SCRABBLE GRAMS SOLUTION

P3	A1	D2	L1	O1	C3	K5	RACK 1 = 98
U1	N1	S1	C3	R1	E1	W4	RACK 2 = 62
M3	I1	D2	W4	A1	Y4		RACK 3 = 15
E1	C3	O1	L1	O1	G2	Y4	RACK 4 = 66

PAR SCORE 155-165 TOTAL 241

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G2	R1	O1	C3	E1	R1	Y4	RACK 1 = 63
A1	R1	C3	A1	N1	E1		RACK 2 = 14
E1	N1	C3	R1	U1	S1	T1	RACK 3 = 59
A1	D2	J8	U1	N1	C3	T1	RACK 4 = 84

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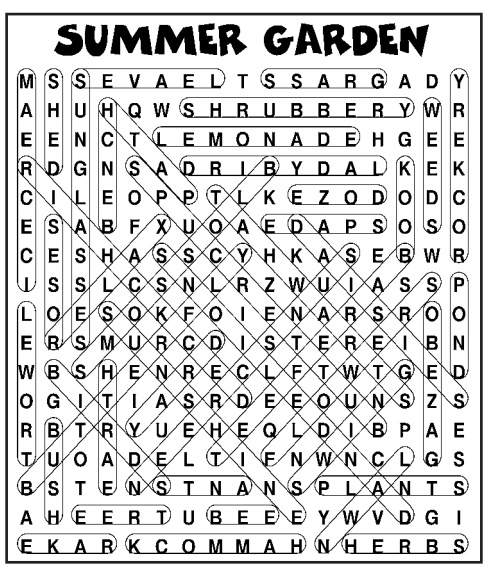

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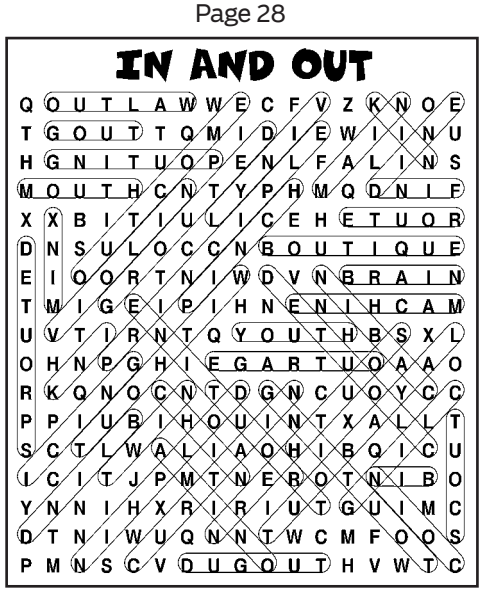

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Kubok 9 — Page 30

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Kubok 12 — Page 30

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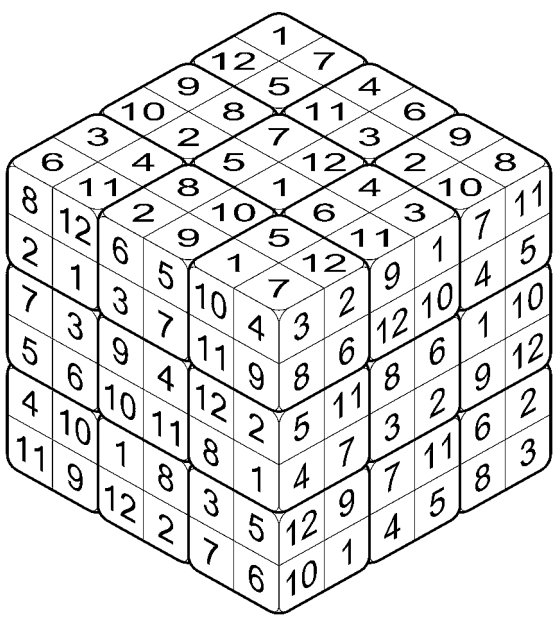

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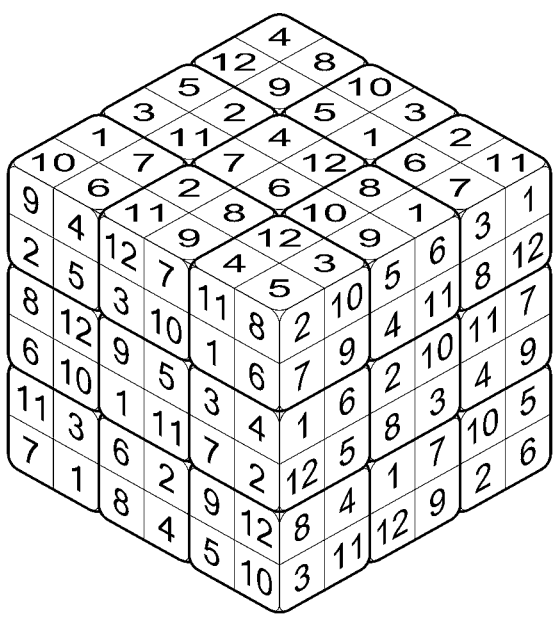

It's one thing to be on the right track. It's quite another to actually be moving along the rails.

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Kubok 16 — Page 31

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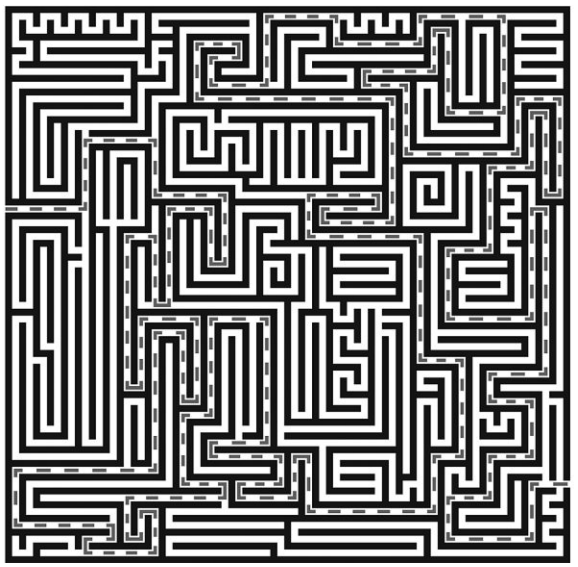

Boggle — Page 32

1	*LARK*	*WREN*	*LOON*	*HAWK*	*DOVE*	*RAVEN*
2	*NOTE*	*BEAT*	*SONG*	*TUNE*	*BAND*	*CHORD*
3	*ITALY*	*KENYA*	*LIBYA*	*TURKEY*	*TUNISIA*	
4	*BANK*	*BUCK*	*DIME*	*COIN*	*LOAN*	*DOUGH*
5	*ARM*	*EYE*	*LEG*	*TOE*	*EAR*	
6	*APE*	*LION*	*MULE*	*LLAMA*	*PANDA*	*CAMEL*

Kakuro — Page 33

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SOLUTIONS

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1 CASES COMEDY KNIGHT BROTHER
This actor got his big break when he landed a role on a sitcom in 1980.
TOM HANKS

2 TWINS SKETCH FINALE PROGRAM
This person said that he adopted “Never let the facts get in the way of a good story” as a mantra.
STEPHEN KING

3 TURNS GRANNY LOVABLE PEACOCK
This character debuted on TV in the early 1950s.
BUCK ROGERS

4 POLICE CHARITY ENGINES WESTERN
These two got their big break when they landed a role on a TV show.
THE OLSEN TWINS

Killer Sudoku — Page 36

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We mock primitive cultures that beat drums to ward off evil and then blow our horns to break up traffic jams.

FACT #341

The folks who brought us Reddi-wip whipped cream had another brainstorm in the 1960s: Reddi-Bacon.

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FACT #84
A cardigan worn by a man is sometimes called a mandigan.

FACT #147
When someone uses chitchat, noises, or mannerisms to distract or mislead an opponent during poker or another game, it's called "coffeehousing."

FACT #178
Genuphobia is the fear of knees.

FACT #238
Actress Marilyn Monroe colored her hair using a shade of blond called dirty pillow slip.

FACT #279
Before Sir Thomas More was beheaded in 1535, he moved his lengthy beard aside, saying it "had never committed any treason."

FACT #302
Tweety Bird, the animated Looney Tunes character, was originally pink. But censors complained that Tweety looked naked, so animators gave the bird yellow feathers.

FACT #408
Joe Charbonneau, a Belvedere, Ill., native, who played outfield for the Cleveland Indians in the early '80s , used to open beer bottles with his eye socket and drink beer through a straw in his nose.

FACT #459
When actor Clint Eastwood ran for mayor of Carmel, California, in 1986, a major issue was ice cream. Town leaders had banned the sale of ice cream cones, incensing Eastwood and his supporters. They won and overturned the ordinance.

COMICS

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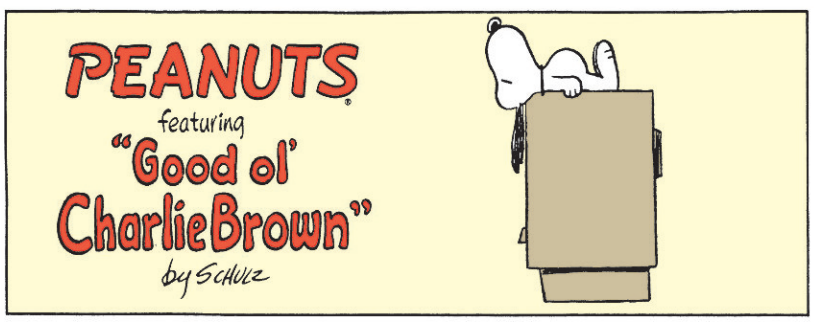

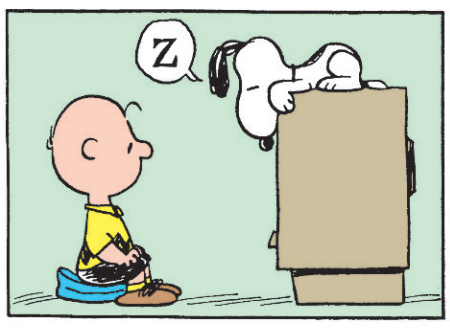

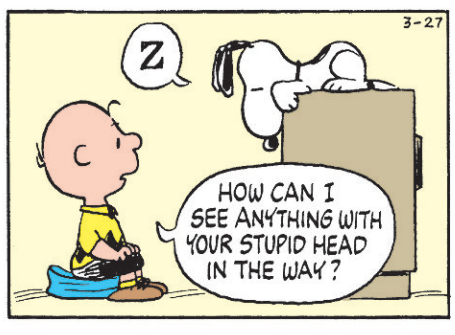

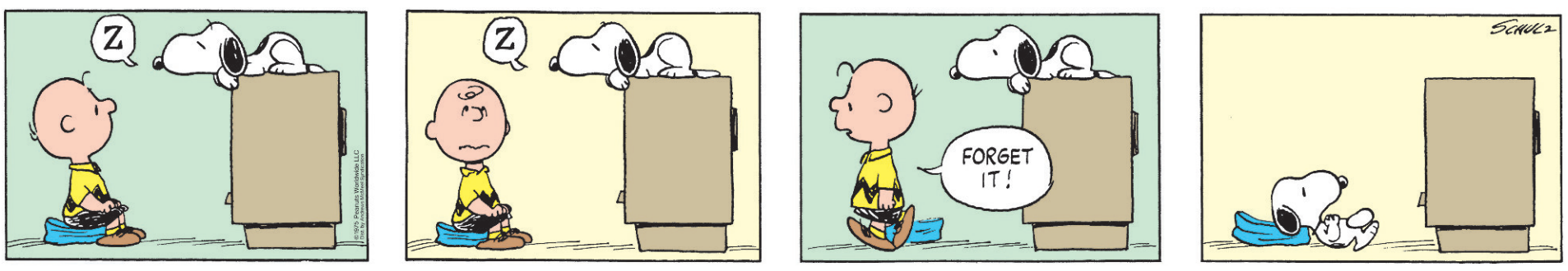

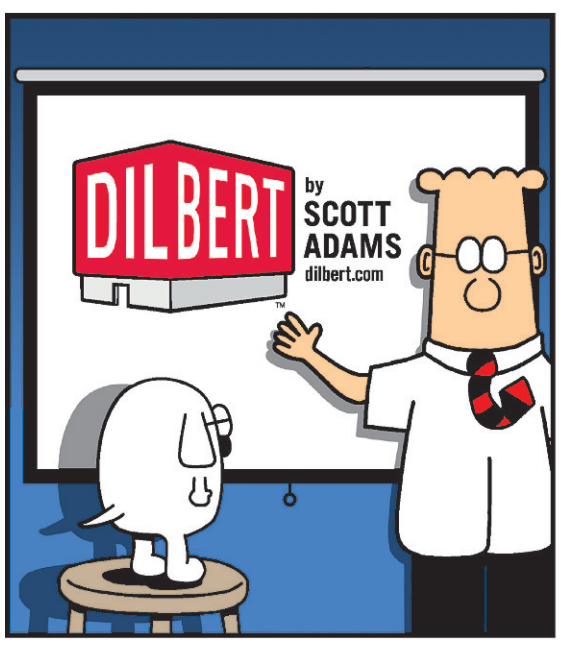

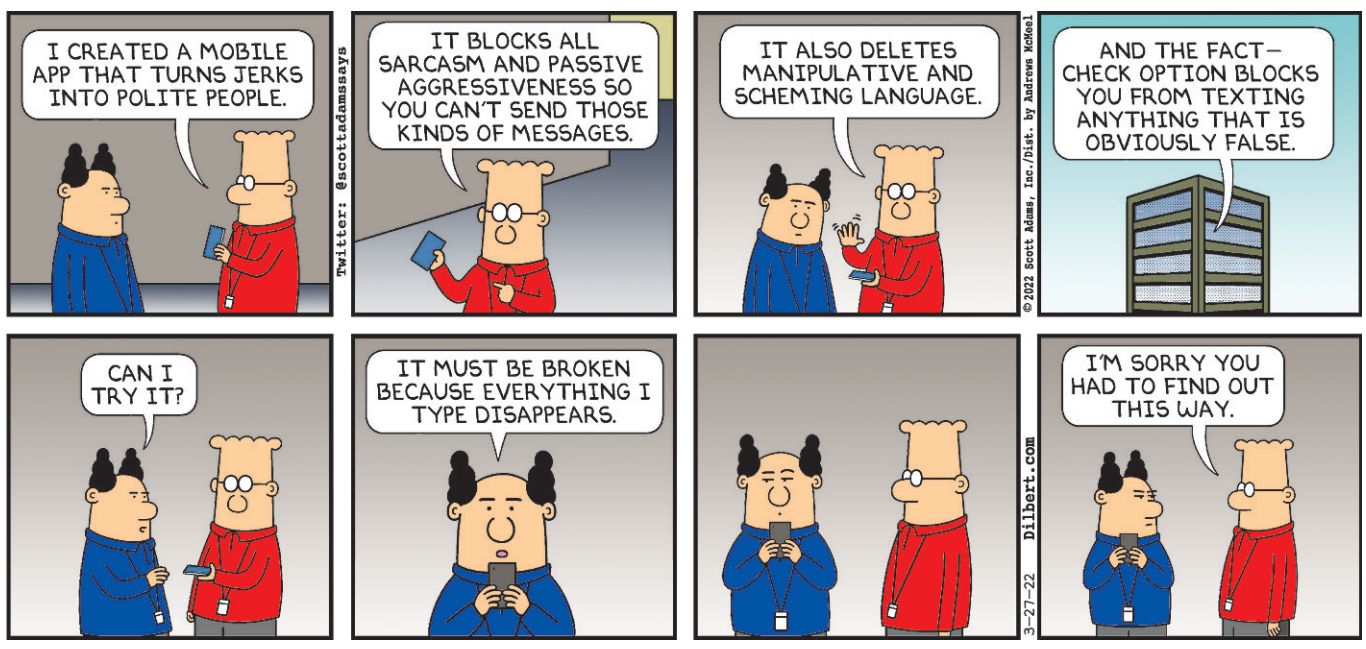

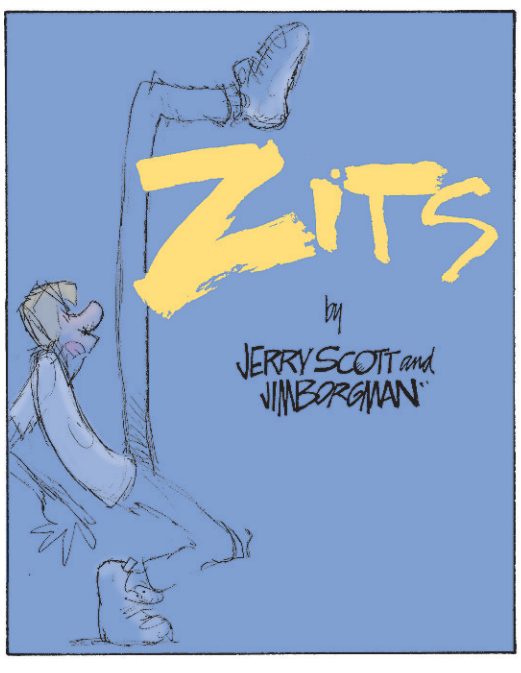

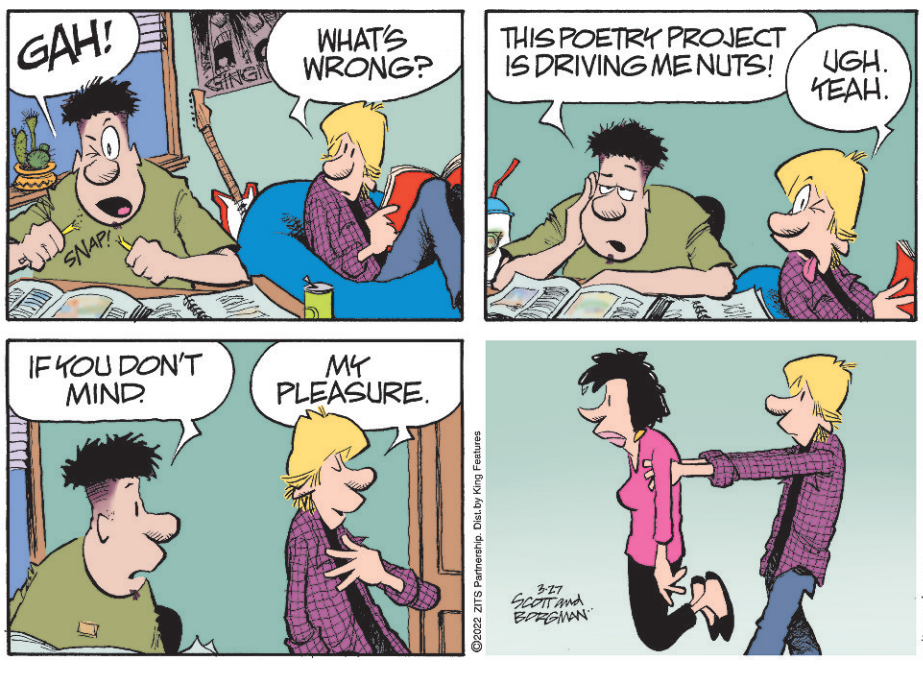

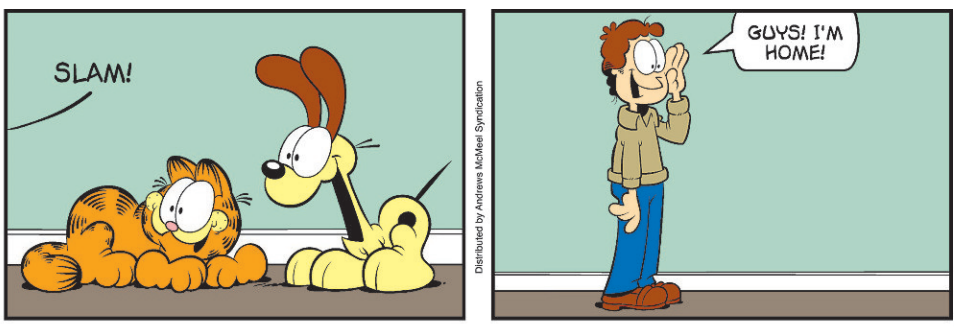

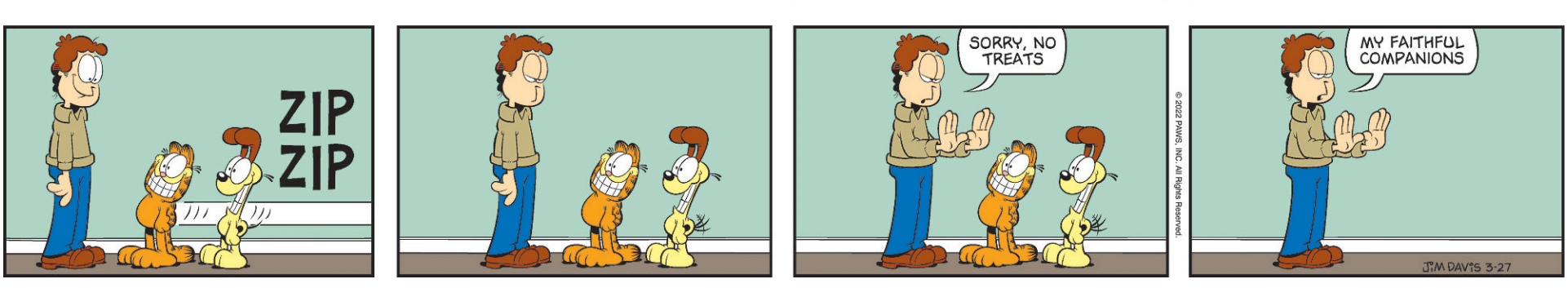

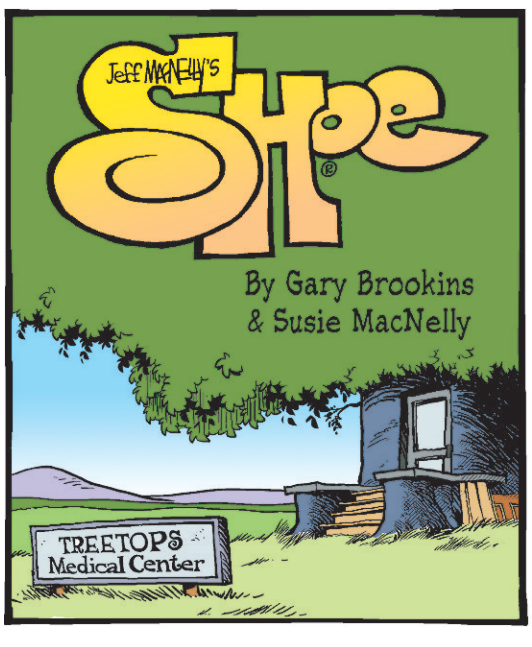

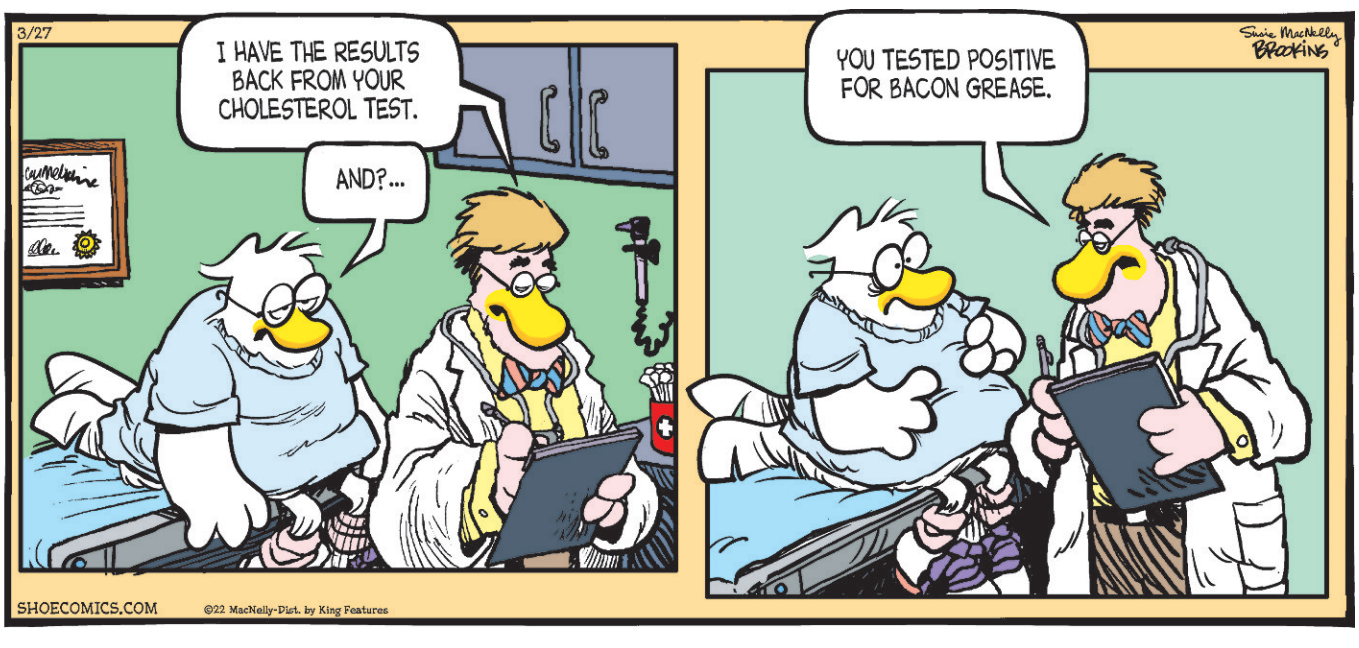

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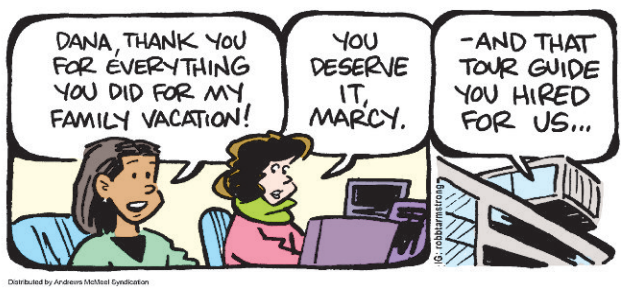

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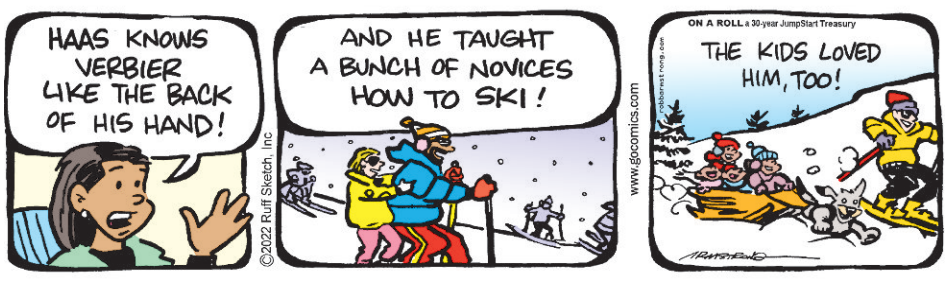

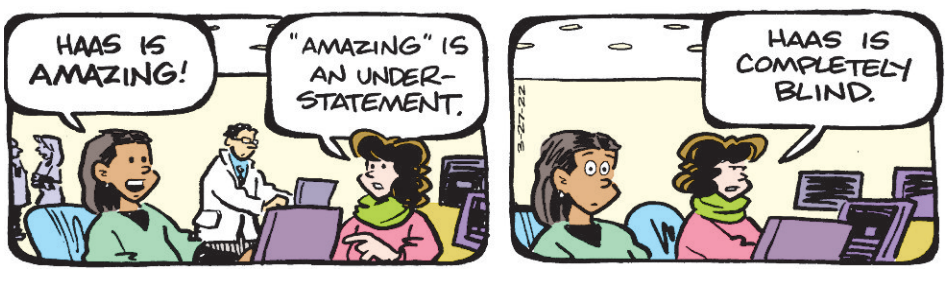

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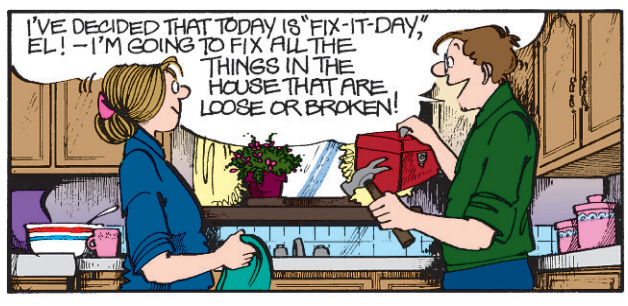

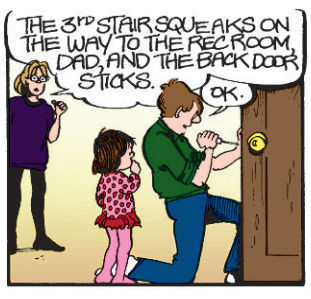

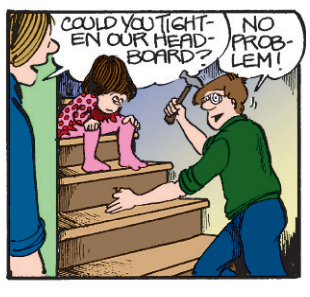

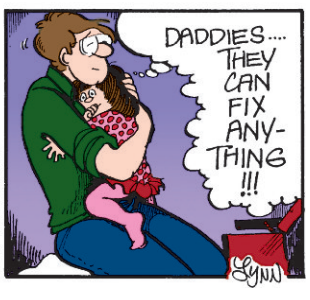

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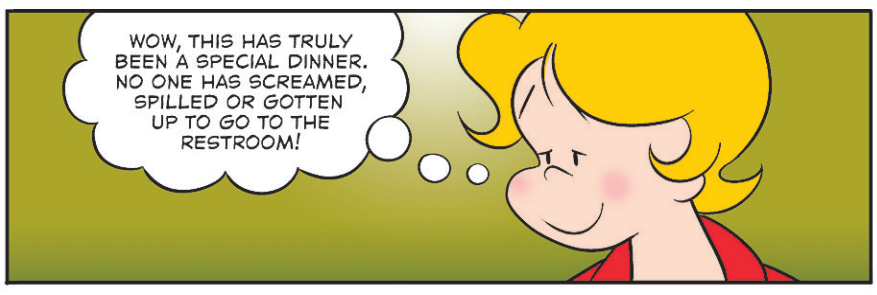

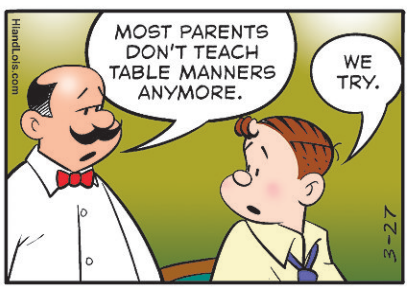

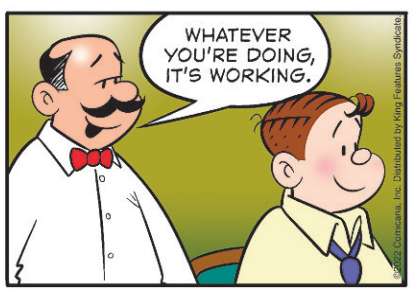

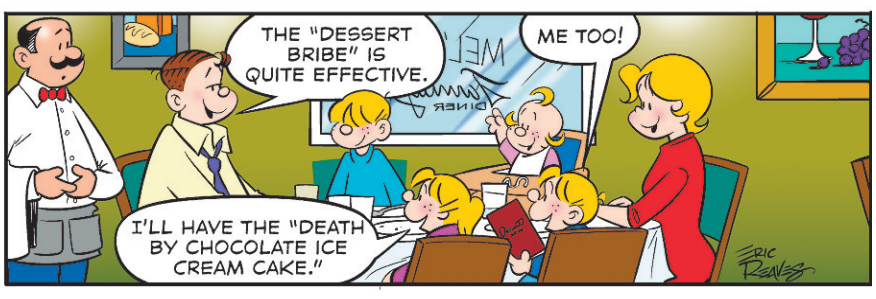

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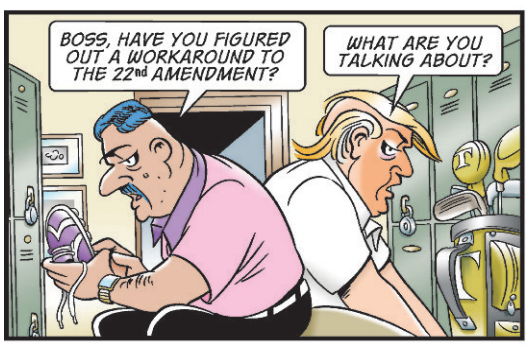

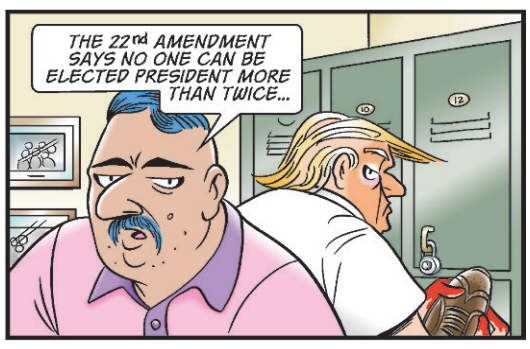

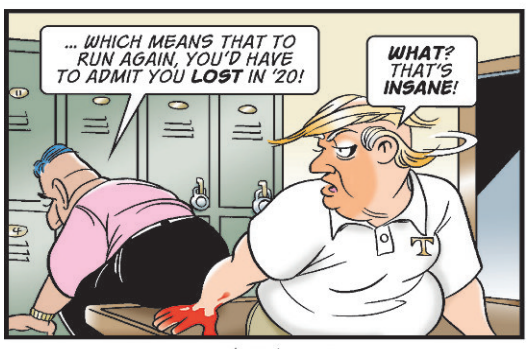

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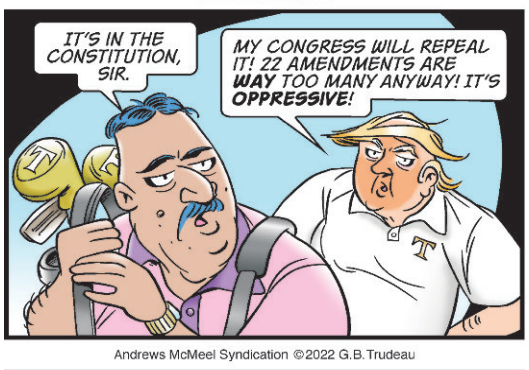

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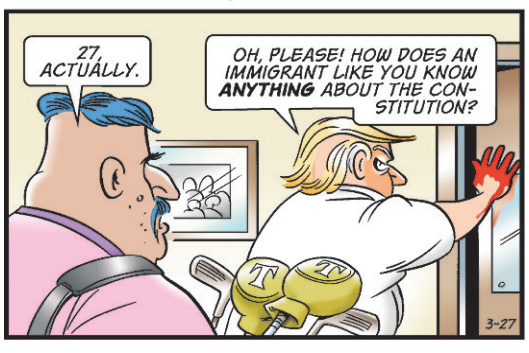

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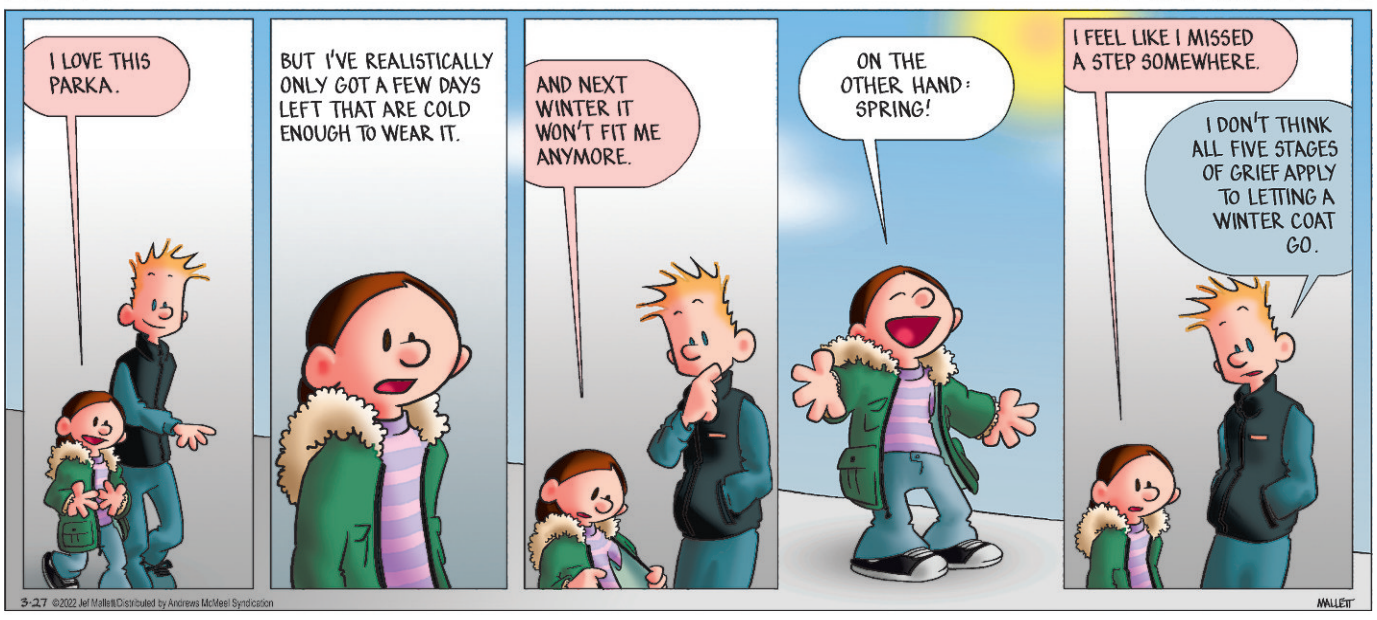

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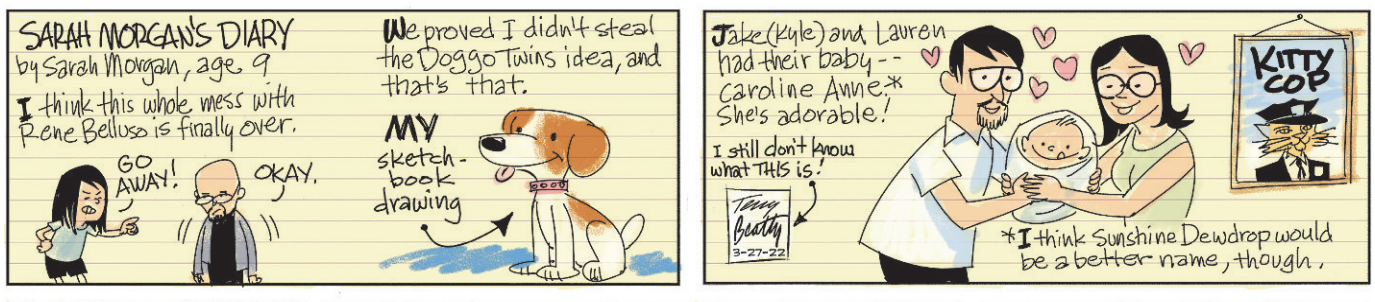

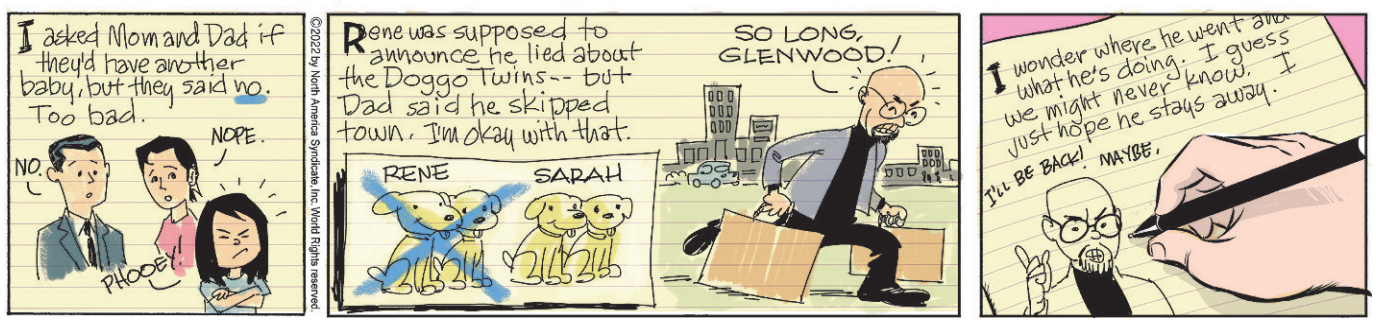

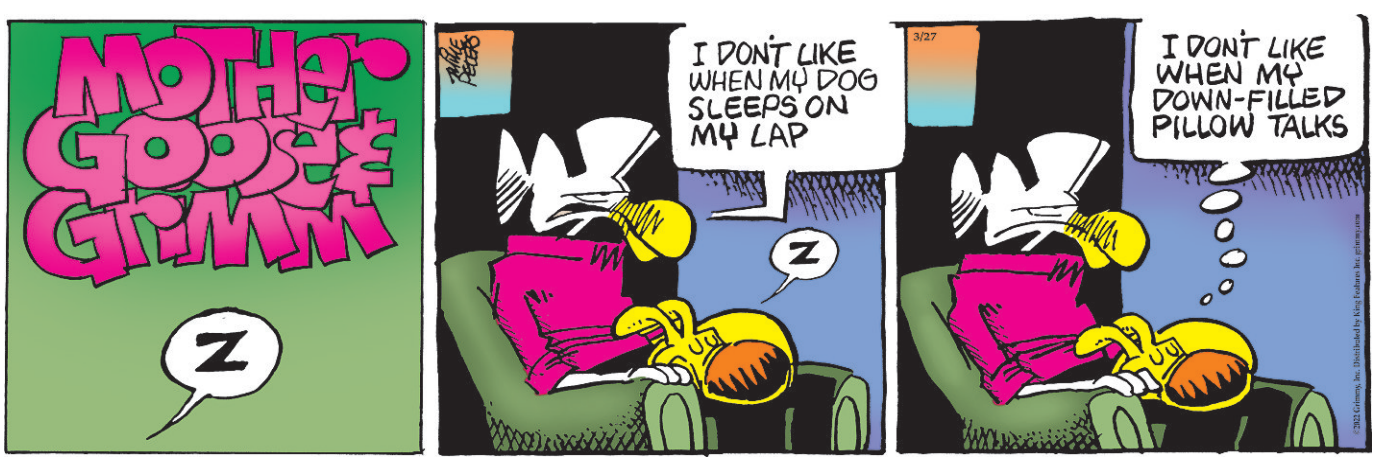

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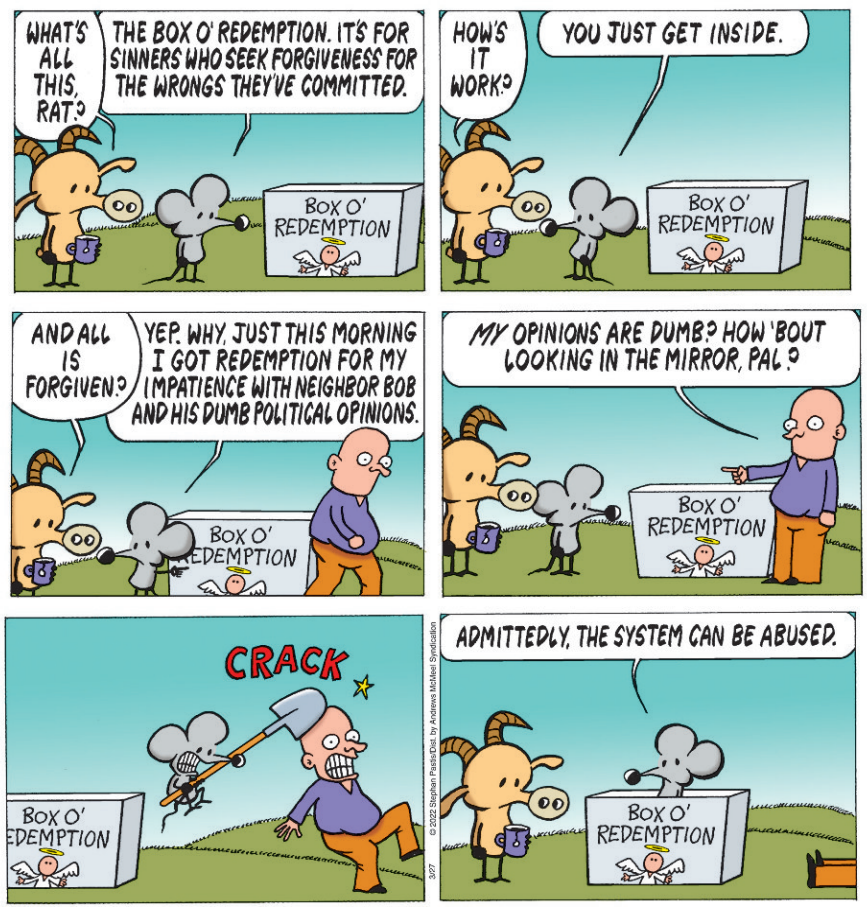

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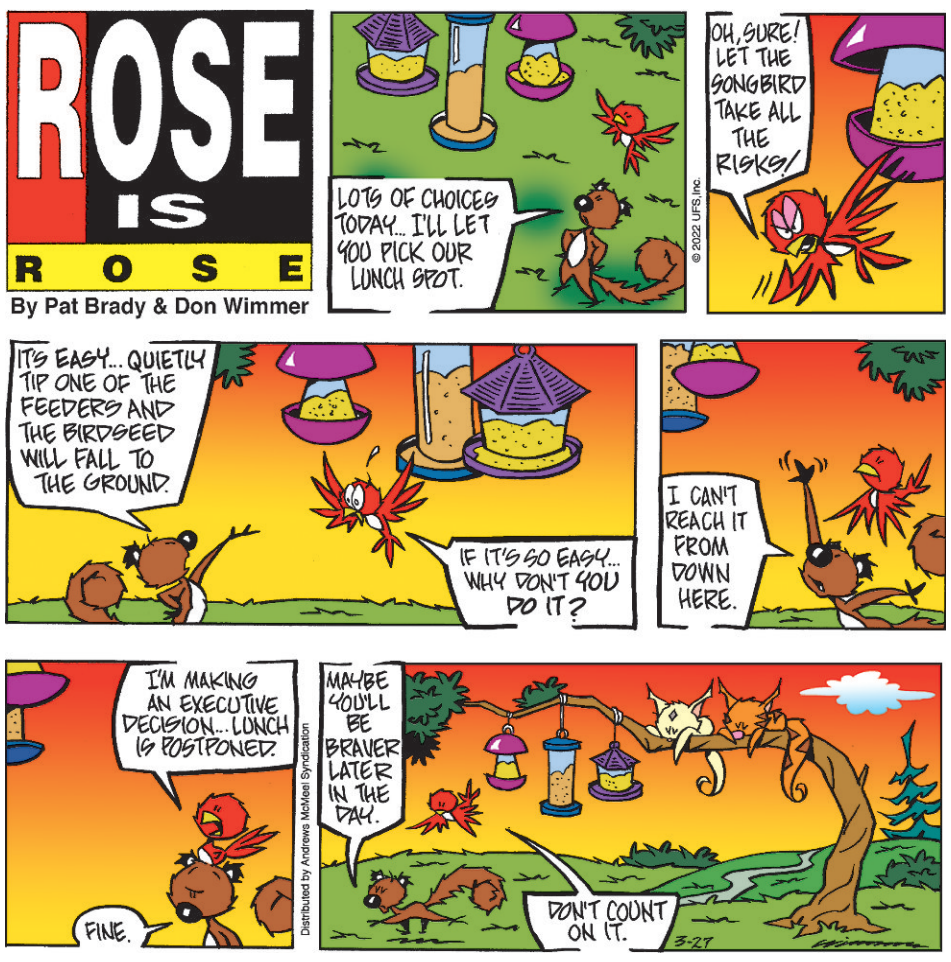

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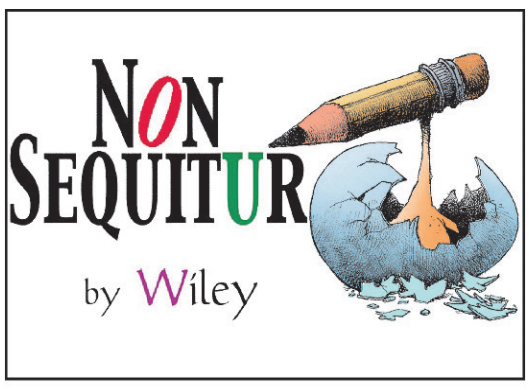

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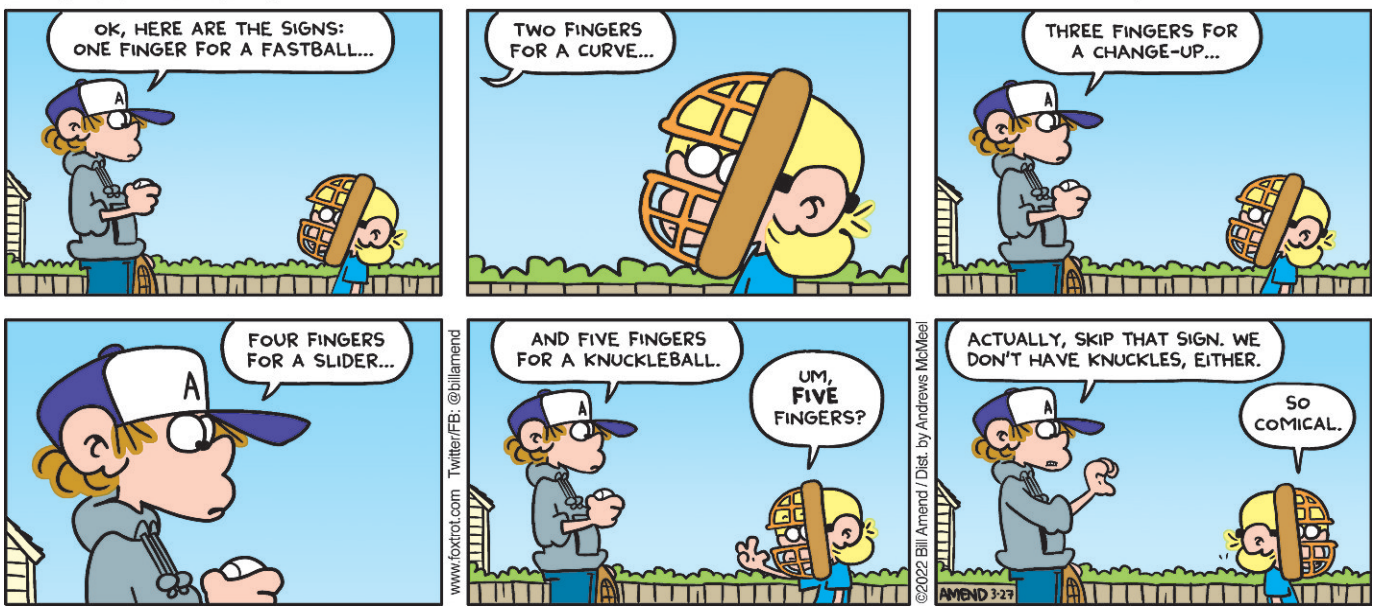

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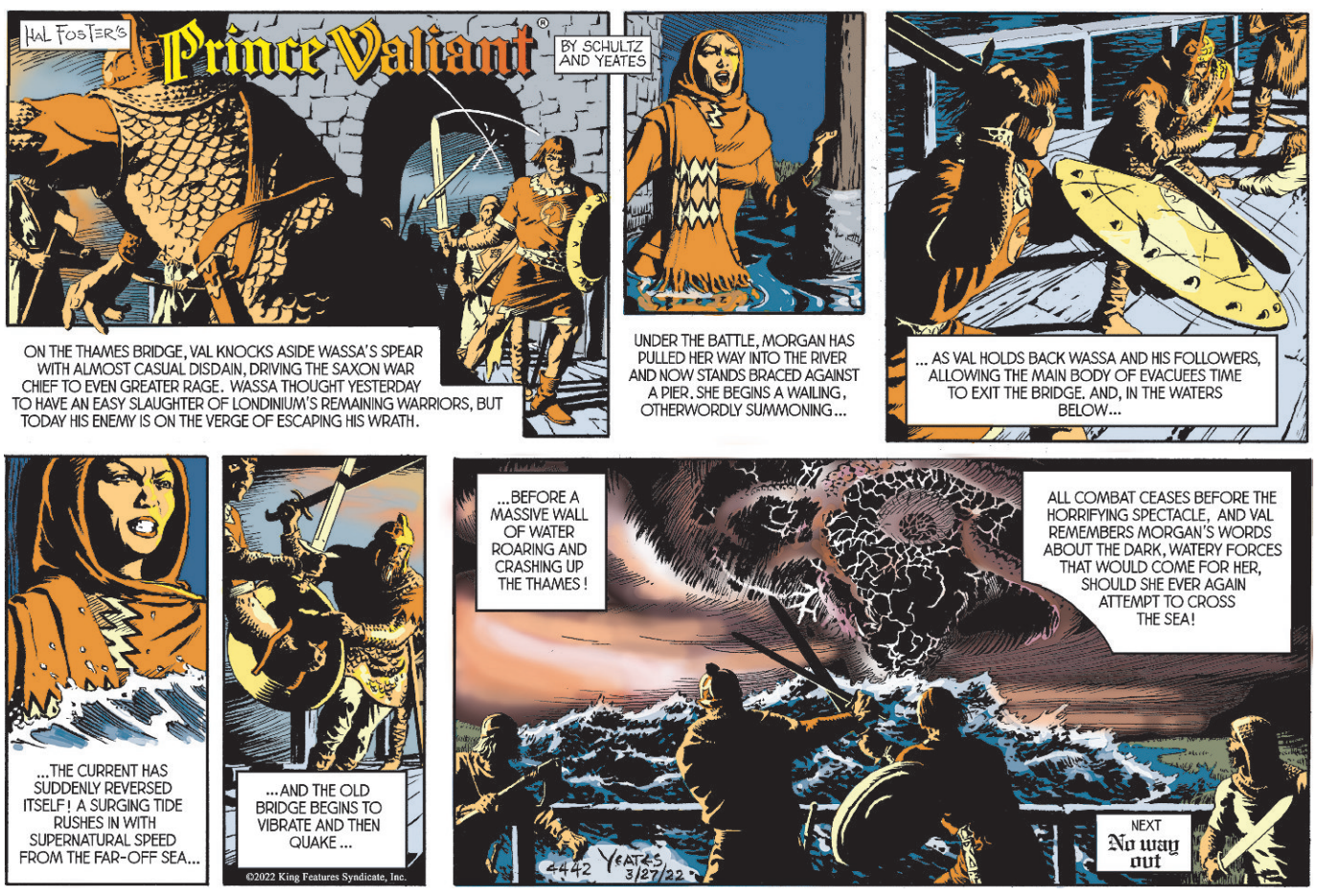

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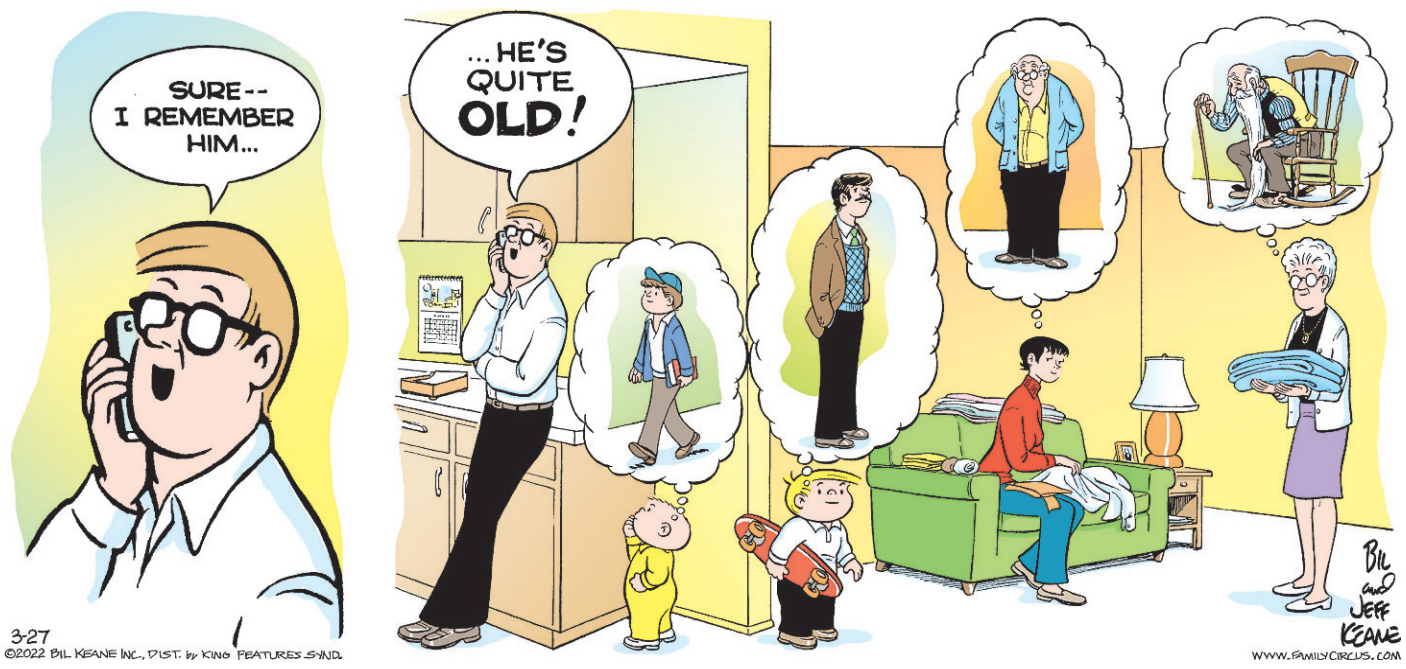

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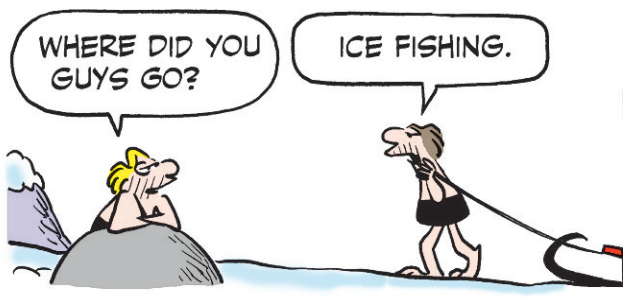

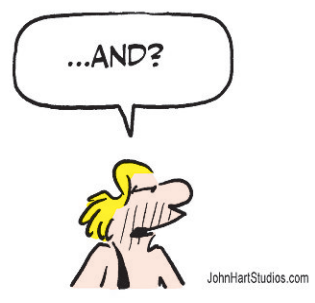

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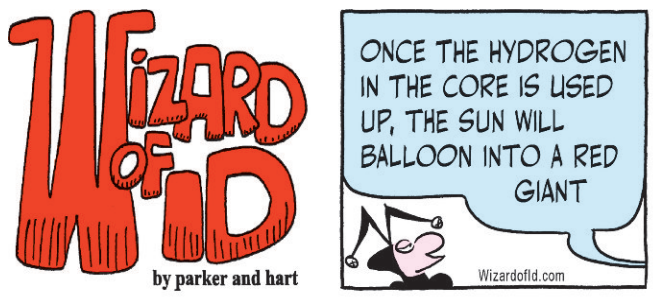

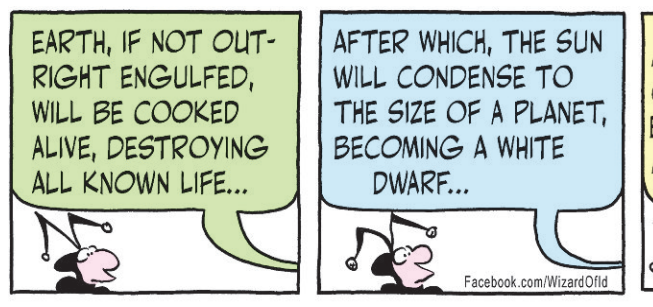

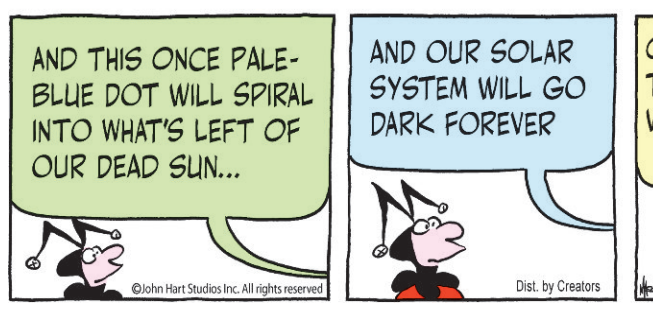

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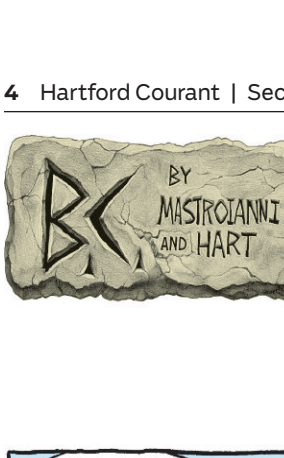

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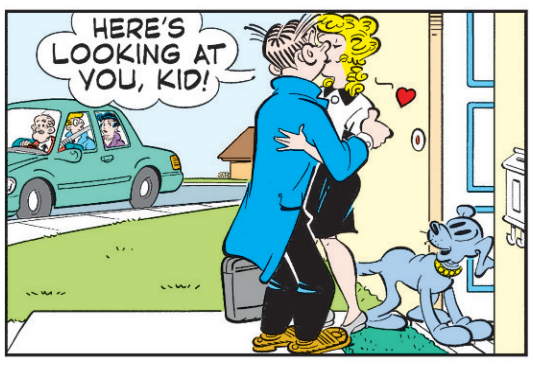

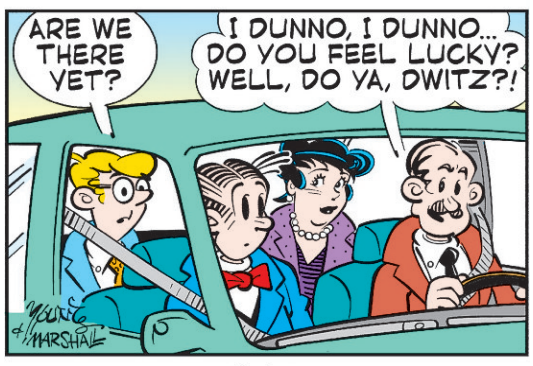

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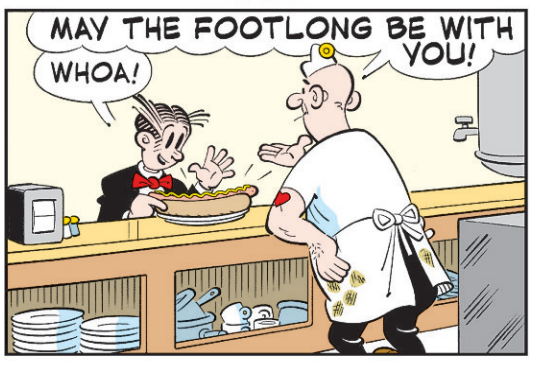

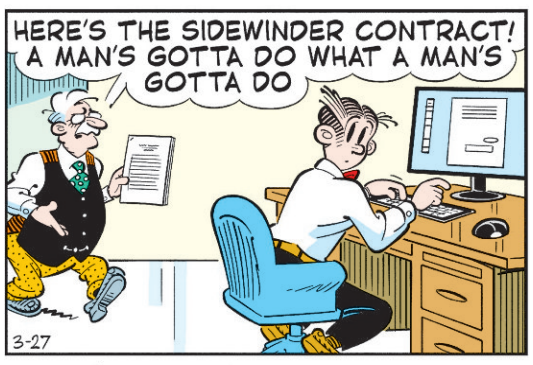

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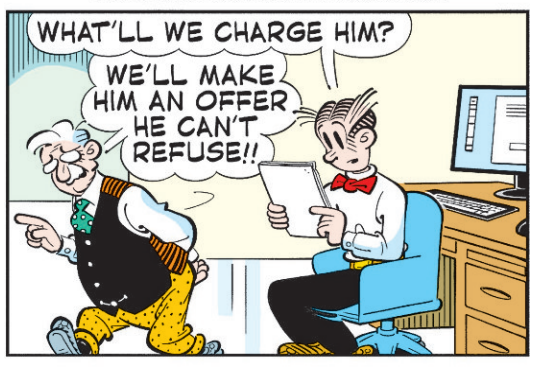

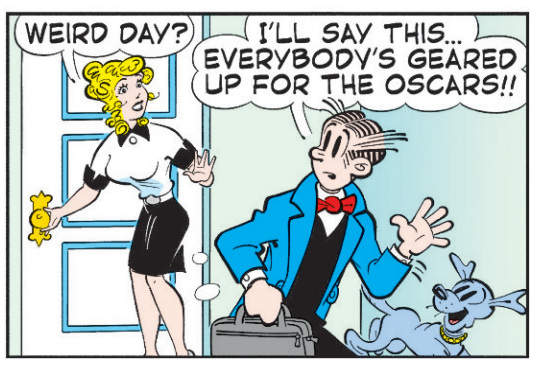

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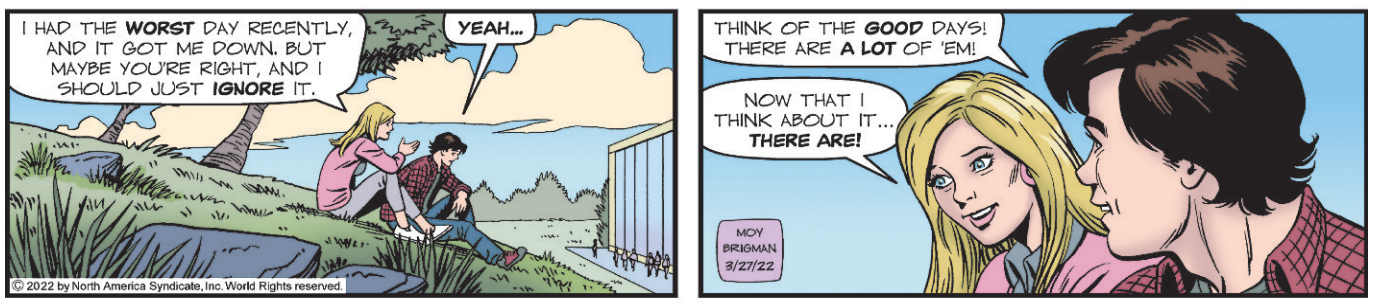

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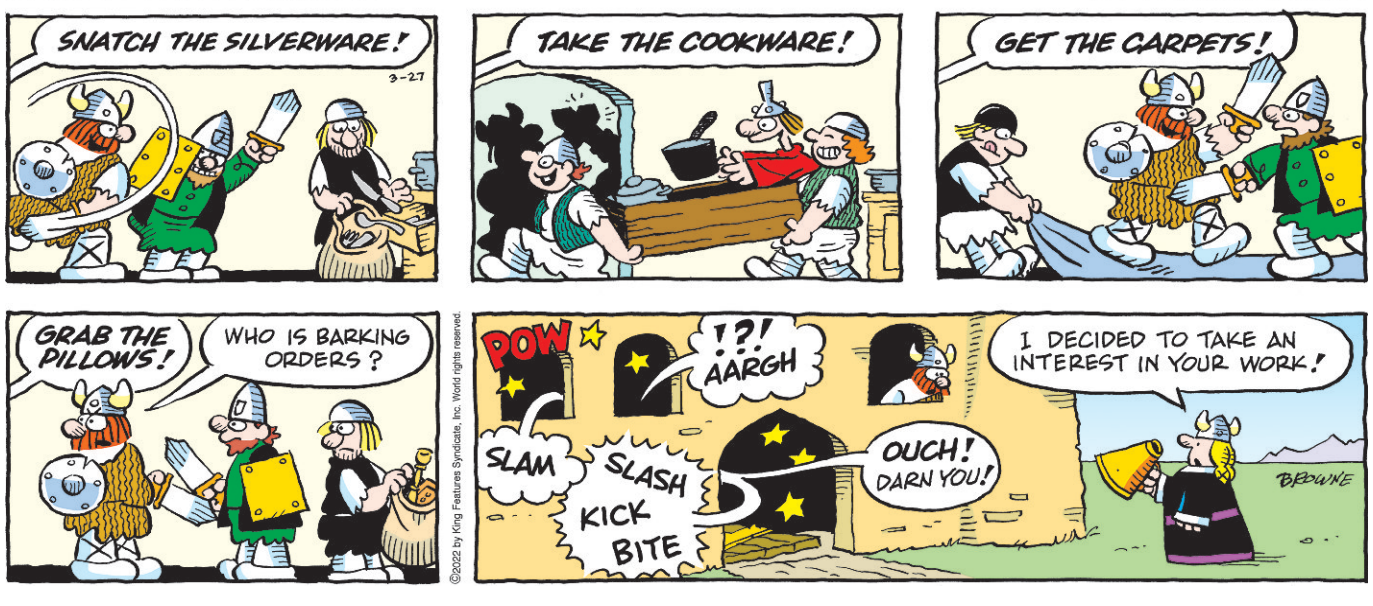

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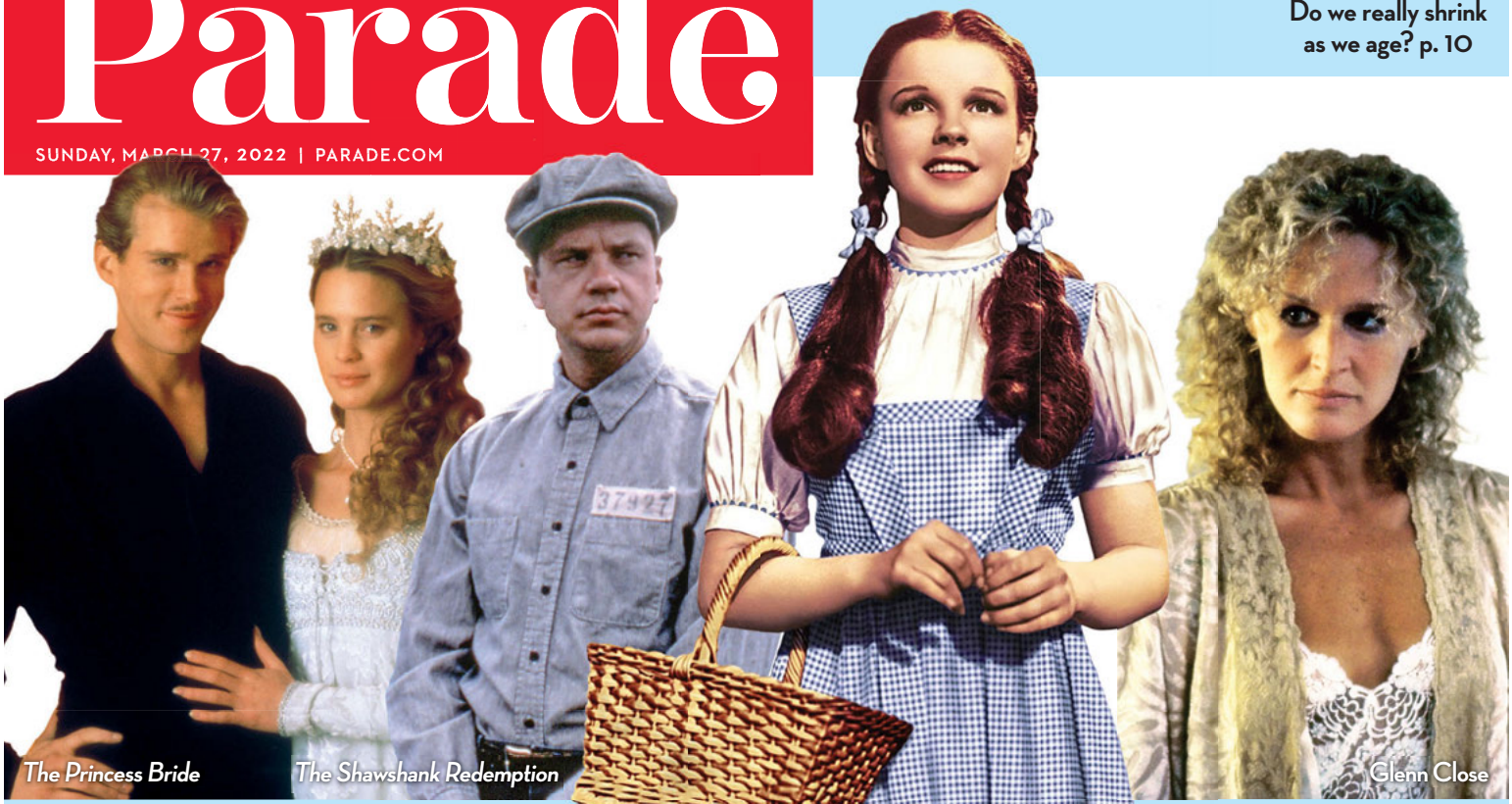

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Academy Award winner **Christopher Walken**, 78, takes on his first lead in a British television show in the six-episode dramedy *The Outlaws* (April 1 on Amazon Prime Video). He plays Frank, an American living in England who becomes involved with a dangerous criminal gang. "He's kind of a ne'er-do-well, a good man who's good-hearted and good-natured," says Walken, whose numerous movies include *The Deer Hunter*, *Catch Me If You Can*, *Jersey Boys* and *Hairspray*. "But he's made a lot of mistakes."

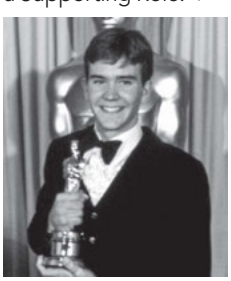
Fly Me to the Moon!

Director **Richard Linklater**'s *Apollo 10½: A Space Age Childhood* (April 1 on Netflix) captures the excitement of the milestone moment of America's historic 1969 moon landing as well as the down-to-earth perspective of what it was like to be a kid watching the drama unfold on TV—as he did. **Jack Black**, 52, narrates the film, which features a hybrid of hand-drawn and computer-animated imagery. "Our unique animation style allows both the conjuring of a world long gone and the flowing, playful expression of memory and imagination," says Linklater, 61, who previously collaborated with Black on *School of Rock* and *Bernie*.

NOT SO 'ORDINARY'

Nominated for six Academy Awards, *Ordinary People* marked **Robert Redford**'s directorial debut with its story centered on the accidental death of the oldest son in an affluent family. The 1980 drama now arrives (March 29) on Blu-ray. Here are some facts about the film, which received four Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Director.

Ordinary People's Oscars also included a win for 20-year-old **Timothy Hutton** (making his theatrical film debut) as Best Actor in a Supporting Role. ▼



The film was based on a Judith Guest novel. The book was widely challenged or banned because of its subject matter, which includes suicide.

Elizabeth McGovern, who played Hutton's character's love interest, was the first Juilliard student permitted to make a film during the school term—as long as she worked only on weekends. ▶

On set, Redford instructed co-stars **Mary Tyler Moore**, **Donald Sutherland** and McGovern to not communicate with Hutton to increase his character's sense of isolation.

WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

LESLIE MANN

The *Knocked Up* and *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* star, 50, collaborates once again with her husband, writer-director Judd Apatow, in the comedy *The Bubble* (April 1 on Netflix). She plays a movie star, Lauren Van Chance, in the pandemic-based story about a group of actors and production crew stuck inside a hotel trying to complete a major studio film.

What was the origin of *The Bubble*? It was during lockdown. Judd and I were totally depressed, just miserable, and trying to come up with some way to make ourselves—and potentially other people—feel better. Hopefully to bring some laughter during a time that was very dark, we were like, "What can we do to do our part?"

Are the characters based on real actors you know? No, we sat around and did a lot of improvisation with all the actors, and we came up with things that we found funny, and that's where everything came from.

Tell us about your role as Margot Cleary-Lopez in the upcoming Amazon thriller series *The Power*. She is the mayor of Seattle and a mother of three. She's married, trying to juggle having children and a marriage and a career. It's something that almost every woman can relate to.

What pandemic pastime made it into *The Bubble*—and caused an injury on set? Go to ***Parade.com/mann*** to find out.

You've worked with your daughters, Maude, 24, and Iris, 19. What's it like having them follow you into the business? Maude [*Euphoria*] seems to be having fun; she's working really hard, enjoying herself and doing great. They both prepare, they show up on time. We're very proud of what Iris did in *The Bubble*. She worked harder than anyone. All those dances [in *The Bubble*] were hard to learn. I was very proud to see how she handled herself in that situation. I felt like, "OK, we did something right."

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Voting will help determine whether the Plan is accepted by holders of Asbestos Claims.

Submit Your Vote by April 8, 2022.

Para información en español, visite el sitio web o llame al 877-425-8665.

IF YOU HAVE A GENERAL ASBESTOS CLAIM OR INDIRECT ASBESTOS CLAIM
against Paddock, formerly Owens-Illinois, Inc., which made Kaylo products, your rights may be affected by an upcoming vote on the Plan (available at PaddockVote.com) as part of the Paddock bankruptcy proceedings. Your vote will help determine whether the Plan will be confirmed.

THE BANKRUPTCY COURT APPROVED A DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (AVAILABLE AT PADDOCKVOTE.COM)
containing information that will help you decide how to vote on the Plan. The Plan proposes to set up a trust to resolve all Asbestos Claims.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED IF THE PLAN IS APPROVED.
Only holders of General Asbestos Claims or Indirect Asbestos Claims, or their attorneys on their behalf, are entitled to receive a ballot to vote on the Plan. Holders of Claims and Equity Interests in all other Classes under the Plan are presumed to accept the Plan and are not entitled to vote.

The voting deadline by which ballots must be actually received by Paddock's balloting agent, Prime Clerk LLC, is **April 8, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. ET**. If you are unsure whether your attorney is authorized to vote on the Plan and intends to vote on your behalf, please contact your attorney.

IF THE PLAN IS APPROVED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT,
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Please read the Plan and other Plan Documents carefully for details about how the Plan, if approved, may affect your rights.

If you have an Asbestos Claim, you will be deemed to have granted the "Releases by Holders of Claims" set forth in Section 10.6 of the Plan if you fall into any of the following categories:

(a) you vote to accept the Plan;
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The deadline to file an objection to the Plan is **May 5, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. ET**. There are specific requirements that must be followed to file an objection. The requirements are found in the Solicitation Procedures Order and other notices relating to Paddock's Plan (which can be found at PaddockVote.com). Objections received after the deadline may not be considered by the Bankruptcy Court and may be deemed overruled without further notice.

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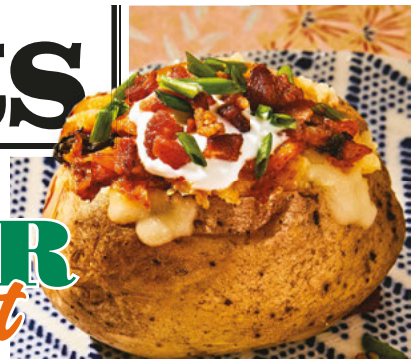

Kimchi lends a tangy punch to these loaded baked potatoes from ***Korean American*** by Eric Kim. Adding a pinch of sugar is a trick Kim learned from his Korean-born mom. "It adds balance, especially with caramelized kimchi and nutty sesame oil," he says.

CARAMELIZED-KIMCHI BAKED POTATOES

Preheat oven to 400°F. Arrange 4 large **Korean yellow or Yukon Gold potatoes** (about 2 lb) on a sheet pan; bake 1 hour or until tender on the inside (when checked with a paring knife) and crispy on the outside.

Meanwhile, in a medium skillet over medium-high, fry 4 slices **thick-cut bacon** (about 4 oz), chopped, 4 minutes or until crispy. Use a slotted spoon to transfer to a paper-towel-lined plate.

Add 1 Tbsp **toasted sesame oil** to drippings in pan. Carefully nestle in ½ cup finely chopped **napa cabbage kimchi** (such as Mother-in-Law's; it may splatter). Season with a pinch of **sugar**. Cook, stirring occasionally, 2–3 minutes or until kimchi is caramelized and fragrant. Set aside to cool slightly.

When potatoes are done, let them cool slightly. Cut a lengthwise slit down center of each potato and gently press the two ends together to widen slit. Use a fork to fluff up inside of each potato. Sprinkle some more sugar into each potato. Then top evenly with 1 cup shredded **mozzarella cheese**, caramelized kimchi, **sour cream** (to taste) and bacon. Sprinkle with chopped **chives**. **Serves 4.**

KIMCHI 101

Kimchi—salted, fermented vegetables—is "a staple of the Korean pantry," says Kim. It's a gut-friendly probiotic powerhouse that can be served as a side dish or condiment and used as an ingredient in other recipes. There are many varieties, but spicy, tangy kimchi made with napa cabbage and gochugaru (Korean red-pepper flakes) is a classic. You can find it in Asian markets, as well as many supermarkets (or make your own—Kim shares several recipes in the cookbook). Other fun ways to use it:

- Stir minced kimchi into mayonnaise to garnish burgers and hot dogs.
- Tuck it into quesadillas.
- Add it to scrambled eggs.

Visit ***Parade.com/chop*** for Kim's speedy pork chop recipe.

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LOSERS WE LOVE

Maybe they didn't win the Oscar, but these movies and stars won our hearts.

BY MARA REINSTEIN

Ever since 1929, the Academy Awards have honored some of our greatest cinematic performances and films—but they don't always get it right. Welcome to the "snub club." It's a group of epic films, iconic directors and big-screen superstars that were underappreciated, unheralded and sometimes completely ignored by the Academy. We're talking movie titans such as Tom Cruise, Michelle Pfeiffer, Will Smith, Mia Farrow, Sigourney Weaver and Samuel L. Jackson, who don't have a single win among them (though Best Actor nominee Smith may finally get one this year for *King Richard*), and fan favorites that got no awards at all (*The Shawshank Redemption*, we're looking at you).

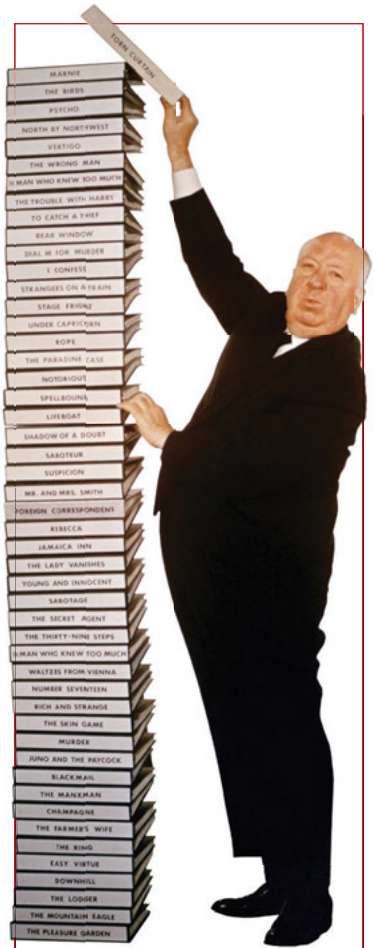
"There are so many factors that go into choosing a winner beyond aesthetic greatness," says historian and Oscars expert Noah Isenberg, who chairs the film department at the University of Texas at Austin and whose book *We'll Always Have Casablanca* chronicles the story of one of Hollywood's all-time classics. "Tastes are subjective, and certain films accrue value in time." On the eve of the 94th annual Academy Awards (March 27 on ABC), join us as we salute the losers we love.

Cary Grant

He charmed his fans with his debonair British charisma but somehow couldn't sway the Academy to ever reward him (except for an honorary statue in 1970). Though Grant's impressive résumé features classics such as *Bringing Up Baby* (1938), *His Girl Friday* (1940) and *North by Northwest* (1959), he landed only two Oscar nominations. More puzzling, he was the only lead in 1940's *The Philadelphia Story* to not get an acting nod. But his co-star James Stewart won.

Glenn Close

Close, 75, holds the record for the actress with the most Oscar nods who's never won, with eight, despite standout turns in films including ***Fatal Attraction*** (1987), *Dangerous Liaisons* (1988), *The Wife* (2018) and 2020's *Hillbilly Elegy*.



Alfred Hitchcock

The Master of Suspense never won, despite Best Director nominations for *Rebecca* (1940), *Lifeboat* (1944), *Spellbound* (1945), *Rear Window* (1954) and *Psycho* (1960). "There's really no good explanation," Isenberg says. He eventually got a lifetime achievement award in 1968, but it was too little, too late. For his speech, Hitch simply said, "Thank you, very much indeed," then left the stage.

THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION

Just about everyone's favorite prison drama landed seven nominations in 1995, including for Best Picture and honors for **Morgan Freeman** in the Best Actor category. But he, along with everyone else associated with the film, went home empty-handed. Blame Tom Hanks and *Forrest Gump*, which steamrolled the competition that year.

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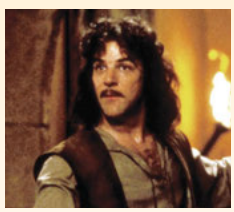
GOODFELLAS

Almost any of director Martin Scorsese's classics could be included here, from *Taxi Driver* (1976) to *Raging Bull* (1980). But let's single out *Goodfellas*, his dazzling take on the New York City mob scene in the 1960s and 1970s, which somehow didn't lead to glory in the Best Director and Best Picture categories in 1991. Instead, Kevin Costner and his Western *Dances With Wolves* nabbed top honors. Scorsese wouldn't win until 2007 for *The Departed*.

THE PRINCESS BRIDE

Altogether now: Inconceivable! **Mandy Patinkin**, who played revenge-seeking swordsman Iñigo Montoya, once compared the Rob Reiner–directed gem's ageless legacy to that of *The Wizard of Oz*. But the 1987 film was nominated for just one Oscar, for Best Original Song.



SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

The 1952 romance starring **Gene Kelly**, **Debbie Reynolds** and Donald O'Connor is still considered a classic. Yet it won zero Oscars and was nominated only for Best Supporting Actress and Best Score. Its theme may have dinged its chances, Isenberg says: "Beneath that sparkling Technicolor surface and all that entertainment is a pretty harsh critique of Tinseltown. Hollywood likes to be celebrated."

Barbra Streisand

In the 93-year history of the Oscars, just a handful of women have been nominated for Best Director. (Jane Campion is up this year for *The Power of the Dog*, her second directing nomination.) "The Academy was a boys' club for a long time," Isenberg says. "They've now finally started to course-correct." Perhaps the most egregious snub belongs to Barbra Streisand and her tearjerker *The Prince of Tides*. It earned seven nominations in 1992, including Best Picture, but she was ignored in the director category. (She has wins for her starring role in 1968's *Funny Girl* and for co-writing 1977's Best Original Song, "Evergreen," from *A Star Is Born*.)

DO THE RIGHT THING

It was just wrong when **Spike Lee**'s powerful commentary on race relations was omitted for Best Picture in 1990—the same year the more quaint *Driving Miss Daisy* won. "I don't think voters were ready for his kind of radical storytelling style," Isenberg says. Lee did win an honorary Oscar in 2016 and a screenplay trophy for *BlacKkKlansman* in 2019.

Who'll take home top honors this year?
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Stanley Kubrick

He directed some of the most iconic films ever—*Spartacus* (1960), *Dr. Strangelove* (1964), *2001: A Space Odyssey* (1968), *The Shining* (1980) and *Full Metal Jacket* (1987) among them—and was nominated for Best Director four times, but he never won. "Artists who turn out to be ahead of their time tend not to win Oscars," Isenberg says. Kubrick's lone consolation prize: a special effects Oscar for *2001: A Space Odyssey*, considered now an OG of visionary sci-fi filmmaking.

E.T. THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL

The biggest blockbuster of the 1980s received nine nominations yet only succeeded in the technical categories of Best Original Score, Best Visual Effects, Best Sound and Best Sound Effects Editing. Richard Attenborough later declared that it should have won Best Picture as well—and he directed *Gandhi*, the drama that bested it!

Judy Garland

Can you believe the legendary star of *Meet Me in St. Louis* (1944), *A Star Is Born* (1954) and *Judgment at Nuremberg* (1961) was virtually ignored by the Academy? She had just two nods, and her only trip to the podium was when she received an honorary juvenile award in 1940 for hopping down the yellow brick road in *The Wizard of Oz*.

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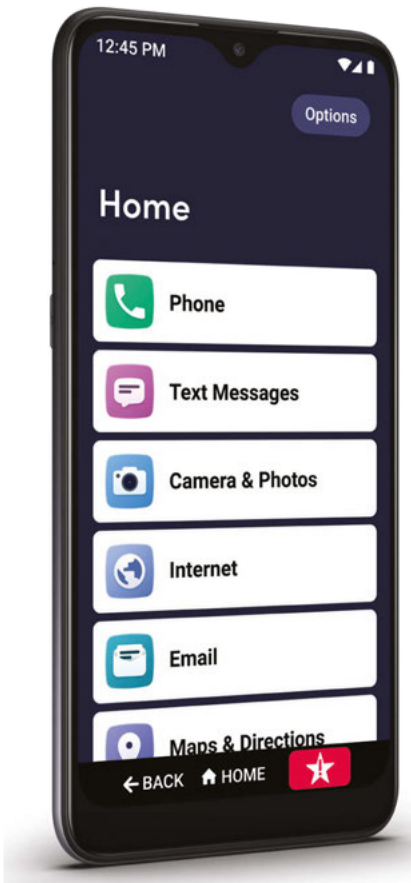

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Peter O'Toole

The British thespian lost eight times, including twice for playing King Henry II (in 1964's *Becket* and in ***The Lion in Winter*** four years later). The Academy ultimately gave him an honorary award in 2003.

THE SEARCHERS

Directed by John Ford and starring **John Wayne**, the 1956 Western is an intense revenge-and-redemption tale that influenced everything from *Star Wars* to *Breaking Bad*. The film was rewarded with zero nominations. Wayne didn't receive his only Best Actor Oscar until 1970 for *True Grit*.

Charlie Chaplin

Passed over by the Academy for most of his career, the pioneering silent-film superstar received two honorary awards—one near the start of his career (1929) and another at the end (1972). But in between, his masterpieces—*City Lights* (1931), *Modern Times* (1936) and *The Great Dictator* (1940)—were ignored.

Cicely Tyson

In 2018, Tyson became the first Black woman to win an honorary Academy Award. She called the honor "the culmination of all those years of have and have-not." Until then, she had been nominated just once: for 1972's ***Sounder***. (Liza Minnelli won in the category for *Cabaret*.) But her contributions live on in films ranging from *The River Niger* (1976) to *The Help* (2011).

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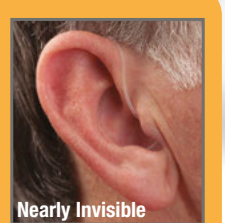

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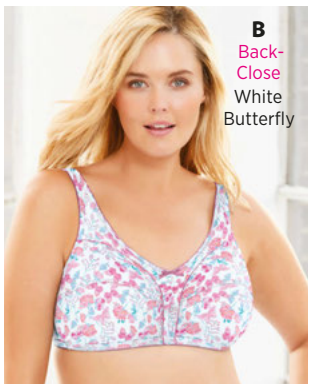

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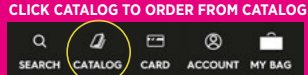

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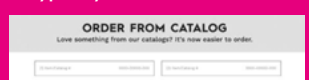

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